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China's Officers Gape at America Pentagon Hopes Their Visits

Will Curtail Misperceptions'

By John Pomfret

WASHINGTON - On a recent visit to the National Defense University at Fort McNair here, a Chinese general expressed baffled amazement at the 50 flags hanging in the atrium of Marshall Hall, one for each state.

"I thought this was one country," he told his American counterpart. "So why so many flags?"

As delegations of Chinese officers tour the United States as part of a flurry of military exchanges, U.S. officials say they have been struck by the depth of misunderstanding and misperceptions — some innocent, others more ominous — that leaders of China's armed forces bring to their vision of the United States.

Chinese officers on recent trips to the United States have said they were surprised at Americans' patriotism, at the power and accuracy of the MIAI Abrams tank and at the resilience of the U.S. economy.

On a visit to the Midwest, Chinese officers, previously instructed that U.S. society is wild and dangerous, seemed taken aback to see that cars stopped at

"They call us a technological paper tiger," said one U.S. Army officer. "Good equipment, but no stomach

Pentagon officials say the views expressed by some visiting officers are reinforced in recent Chinese military publications, which have argued that the United States is a declining power, that while China is a weaker power, weaker powers can often defeat superior powers; that the United States didn't win the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein lost it; and that China is poised to leapfrog the United States in the race for a technologically advanced army.

Chinese military analysts also believe that the United States is trying to subvert China and contain its power.

A report circulated last month by the Pentagon's Office of Net Assessment, which reviewed Chinese military literature, concluded: "China's leadership holds a number of dangerous misperceptions that may well cause serious political friction or even military conflict with the United States.

"The consequences of China consistently underestimating the military power of potential opponents greatly complicates any effort to deter China.

The report, "Dangerous Chinese Misperceptions: the Implications for Department of Defense," mentions Pentagon concerns that China's belief in the weakness of the United States and forces trained or equipped by Americans could contribute to a decision to attack Taiwan, which Beijing claims as its own.

Pentagon officials say Chinese assumptions about America have become more visible as a result of recent efforts to renew and deepen U.S.-China ties. Although there have been exchanges between the two militaries for three decades, they have acquired new emphasis during the last year. As part of intensifying contacts, Secretary of Defense William Cohen traveled to Beijing in January and Zhang Wannian, China's most powerful general, will come to the United States this year.

The high-level engagement reflects the belief that within the next 50 years, China's army, the largest in the world and a nuclear power since 1964, will occupy a dominant position in Asia and perhaps the world.

Pentagon officials and Chinese military experts are See CHINESE, Page 10



Smoke billowing from buildings following a series of bomb blasts in Coimbatore, India.

Toll in India Bombings Hits 56

Muslims Flee Southern City in Election Violence

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI - The police in the southern city of Coimbatore said Sunday that the death toll from multiple bombings that preceded a Hindu nationalist election rally in the city Saturday had reached 50, with more than 200 wounded, a tally that placed the attacks among the worst outbreaks of election violence in India since independence in 1947.

The explosions occurred as thousands gathered for a campaign rally by a Hindu nationalist leader who is one of the country's most controversial political figures.

Although the police did not identify any group or groups as having set the bombs, officials in Coimbatore said they suspected that the attackers were members of Muslim extremist groups, two of which were banned shortly after the explosions Saturday.

The 17 bombs exploded shortly before the arrival in the city of Lal Krishna Advani, president of the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Hindu nationalist

group that is expected to win its largest-ever number of seats in India's Parliament in voting that begins in northern India on Monday.

On Sunday, a police raid in a Muslim neighborhood of Coimbatore resulted in another bomb explosion, this time with six dead, who were said by the police to have been suspects who set off the tplosion after being surrounded.

Altogether, more than 500 people were arrested in a police crackdown across Tamil Nadu state, mostly Muslims and 200 of them in Coimbatore which lies about 440 kilometers (275 miles) southwest of Madras, the Tamil Nadu capital. More than 700 troops dispatched to the city to aid the police, assisted by an overnight curfew, appeared to have restored order after a night of violence between Hindus and Muslims, much of it in the form of Hindu gangs attacking Muslim homes.

Thousands of Muslims, from a community amounting to about 20 percent of Coimbatore's

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Diplomatic Activity **Quickens Over Iraq**

UN Weighs Annan Trip to Baghdad, While U.S. Warns of Repeated Strikes

BAGHDAD - A rechnical team sent by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to survey disputed "presidential" sites met Iraqi arms negotiators in Baghdad on Sunday as Washington threatened repeated strikes to destroy Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

In Paris, Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said United Nations Security Council members were searching for consensus on a framework for talks between Mr. Annan and Iraq's govern-ment should the UN leader visit Baghdad personally to try to solve the crisis.

The five permanent members must agree among themselves on defining a framework, but it must not lock him into an overly detailed mandate," Mr. Vedrine said.

In Baghdad, the leader of the technical team, Steffan de Mistura, and two Austrian surveyors emerged from talks with Oil Minister Amir Mohammed

Saddam Hussein practices his survival tactics. Page 7.

Rasheed and Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Riyadh Qaysi. Both Iraqi officials have been closely involved in negotiations with the UN Special Com-mission charged with destroying the Iraqi weapons.

Mr. Rasheed, in a statement to the Iraqi News Agency before his session with the UN team, again denied that Iraq had any prohibited weapons, saying they had been destroyed under UN su-

pervision.

"Iraq has not had any chemical or biological weapons, or long-range mis-siles or launchers since the end of

1991," he said.

The United Nations says the presidential sites contain 1,500 buildings, a figure contested by Iraq. The total area of the eight disputed sites, spread out over four provinces, is around 75 square kilometers (45 square miles).

Iraq's UN ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon, has said the team would work on defining the limits of the sites. "We want to make it clear to the SG himself that those sites are well-defined," he said, referring to the UN secretary-gen-

Baghdad has agreed to open up the sites in response to mediation by Russia and France, but says arms inspections over a proposed 60-day period should be carried out by a special team appointed by Mr. Annan rather than the UN team itself.

The Special Commission can form part of the new team, under the Iraqi On Sunday, U.S. News and World Report said Iraq has smuggled many of its weapons of mass destruction to other

Arab countries for safekeeping. Reacting to the report, the chief UN weapons inspector, Richard Butler, told CNN: "It just illustrates the great importance of the issue of inspection."

The U.S. ambassador to the UN, Bill Richardson, gave China intelligence details about Iraqi weapons and may have persuaded China to abstain from voting against U.S. plans in the Security Council, U.S. officials said Sunday.

China remains firmly opposed to a military attack on Iraq to force un-

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A New Report That Lewinsky Spoke of Affair With President

By Michael Janofsky and Don Van Natta Jr. New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - A California friend of Monica Lewinsky's has told investigators that Ms. Lewinsky confided to her that she was having a sexual relationship with President Bill Clinton, according to a close acquaintance of the friend's family and lawyers familiar with the friend's account.

The friend, Neysa Demann Erbland, also said that Ms. Lewinsky had played

Linda Tripp reportedly helped Paula Jones's lawyers. Page 3.

her taped telephone messages from Mr. Clinton, the lawyers and the acquaintance said. Speaking on condition of anonymity, they said Ms. Erbland has told investigators that Ms. Lewinsky recounted details about a sexual relationship with the president over the course of more than a year.

Ms. Erbland, who attended Beverly Hills High School with Ms. Lewinsky, the 24-year-old former White House intern, was questioned before a federal

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Rising Tensions Put Jakarta in a Vise

Will Suharto Defy the IMF?

By Michael Richardson nternational Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - President Suharto of Indonesia sees his controversial plan to introduce a currency-board system tying the rupiah to a fixed exchange rate as a way of solving two pressing problems — rising prices and widespread corporate debt — either of which could undermine stability in the

world's fourth most populous nation, analysts said Sunday. But after a weekend telephone call from President Bill Clinton that officials in Washington said had lasted for 30 minutes and was intended to reinforce the opposition of the International Monetary Fund to early introduction of the proposal, Mr. Suharto can only

NEWS ANALYSIS ablish the board if he is prepared to risk losing access to the \$43 billion emergency loan ackage for Indonesia that is effectively controlled by the

Analysts said a suspension of loan payments to Jakarta — tomething the IMF's managing director, Michel Carndessus, reportedly warned in a private letter to Mr. Suharto would be the result of any premature establishment of a currency pegwould deal a devastating blow to investor confidence in Indonesia's economic management and immediately unlermine the expected benefits of the currency-board sys-

"President Suharto is evidently convinced that pegging the apiah at a rate of about 5,000 to the U.S. dollar is his quickest ption for lowering imported inflation and preventing the ollapse of many Indonesian companies with large foreign lebts they can't repay at the current free-market rate of "achange," an Asian diplomat said in Jakarta. "But he must low realize the formidable costs of defying the IMF and its ey supporters on this issue.

Yet as food riots in Indonesia, caused partly by higher

Rioting Targets Ethnic Chinese

By Cindy Shiner
Washington Post Service

PAMANUKAN, Indonesia --- Ethnic Chinese residents of this small town and elsewhere in Indonesia stayed in their homes Sunday as the economic crisis and sharp price rises triggered new rioting that led to the deaths of five people

Throughout Pamanukan and along the road leading to it from Jakarta, about 150 kilometers (90 miles) away, phrases such as "money hungry Chinese fools," "destroy the Chinese" and "I love Muslims" were scrawled on gates, homes and shops.

The Chinese control most of the country's wealth, inspiring resentment during times of political and economic uncertainty, and they have been accused of indiscriminately raising prices during the financial turnoil — an increase of a little more than one cent in the price of rice or cooking oil can mean the difference between peace and a riot.

The official Antara press agency reported two new deaths on the eastern resort island of Lombok in the town of Praya. Nine other people were reported injured. Three other rioters have been killed in this region on the central island of Java. Officials said they had detained nearly 250 people in

connection with the rioting Friday and Saturday. Most of the violence was confined to the central and western provinces of the main island of Java. Soldiers appeared relaxed in Pamanukan on Sunday but residents were still tense, especially the minority ethnic

Chinese, many of whose shops and homes were stoned and

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burned. Three churches were also ransacked. Many Chinese are Christians, while 90 percent of Indonesians are Muslim. More than 15 towns have witnessed unrest in the past two months because of protests over price increases. The government of President Suharto has stepped up security in the capital, Jakarta, ahead of the March presidential election and

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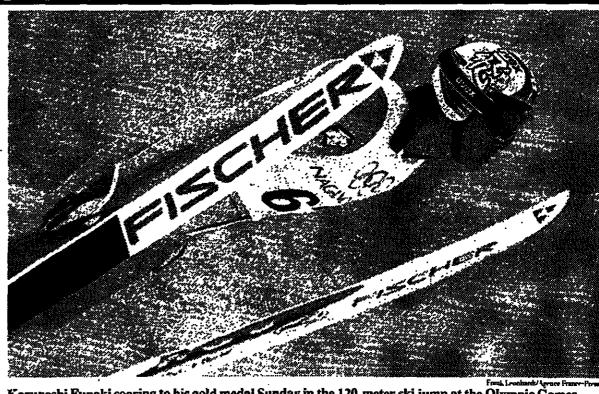
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Klerides Re-elected **As Cypriot President**

President Glavkos Klerides of Cyprus narrowly defeated former Foreign Minister George Iakovou in a runoff Sunday. Mr. Klerides won 50.8 percent of the vote in his bid for a second five-year term as leader of the divided island. Page 4.

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Kazuyoshi Funaki soaring to his gold medal Sunday in the 120-meter ski jump at the Olympic Games.

Japan's Redemption: 3 Gold Medals

By Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

NAGANO, Japan — The Japanese ski jumper Kazuyoshi Funaki bent down to accept his gold medal, then straightened up, clenched his fists and issued a long, happy scream that echoed in millions of Japanese hearts.

For thousands of his cheering countrymen jammed into Nagano's Central Square for the medal ceremony Sunday, and for people all over a country gloomy from a prolonged economic recession, Funaki's holler was a rare joyful noise, a welcome relief from daily doses of depressing news.

The crowd was screaming out the names of their athletes, but the most common cry from the 4,000 people packed into the square was "Arigatoo! Arigatoo!" - thank-yous from a

"I feel fire in my heart; I was almost crying," said Yuji Harayama, 34, who stood in the crowd Sunday night, waving a flag and screaming. "These last few months have been so uncertain and gloomy, but that's all been wiped

The host nation won three medals Sunday, making these Winter Games

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the most successful in history for Japan - and there are still seven days of competition left. Japan has won seven medals here, including three golds. In the medal count, Japan trails only the winter sports powerhouses Russia, Germany, Norway and Canada, and has exceeded the six medals won by the United States.

The medal total ties Japan's take at the 1992 Games in Albertville, but it is the first time Japan has ever won three

gold medals in a single Olympics, Japan had won a total of just three gold inedals in all previous Winter Games. Coming into the Olympics, Japan

was praying the Games would provide a shot of happy news to lift spirits here. An economic downturn has caused a record number of corporate bankruptcies, people are losing jobs, the government is dogged by corruption scandals and the country is suffering from a malaise.

Everyone here remembers Japan's sweep of the ski jumping medals the last time it held the Olympics, the 1972 Games in Sapporo. As the host again, Japan was hoping for that same kind of legend-making performance, and its ski jumpers, skaters and skiers have responded on cue.

Japan's first four medals were largely overshadowed by embarrassment and apprehension over the hor-

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The Blue Nun vineyard, its new label and its cellar. The wine has been revamped in the hopes of appealing to a more refined clientele.

The World's 'Oldest Wine Brand' Goes Upscale

By John Schmid

AINZ, Germany — Just when some upscale winegrowers in Germany hoped she had gone away, the Blue Nun has returned.

With her cheerful blue habit and beatific countenance, the Blue Nun again adorns bottles of sweet Rhine wine, re-establishing her presence in wine shops around the world after the 75-year-old brand of liebfraumilch fell on hard times earlier this decade.

Like other inexpensive sweet German whites, Blue Nun thrived in the 1970s and '80s, its brown bottle becoming the symbol of bargain-basement wines that Germany used to export by the shipload, making the country the world's fifth-biggest wine exporter. With the relaunching of the Blue Nun brand under

new ownership, the wine has come to represent an altogether different trend in German wine making. A damaging reputation of catering to downmarket taste, lingering in the industry like a hangover, has forced one winery after another to produce dryer, higher-grade vintages that have lower yields, said Armin Goering, director of the German Wine Institute, a Mainz-based industry trade group.

For instance, the Blue Nun, since her makeover last autumn, is less sweet and a bit more expensive,

This year, Blue Nun's sales are expected to reach 6 million to 7 million bottles, about a third of its peak of 20 million bottles in 1982, said Heiko Schapitz, who directs Blue Nun's marketing for F. W. Langguth Erben GmbH, Germany's leading wine producer, which acquired what it calls "the world's oldest wine brand" in 1996.

"It is not liebfraumilch anymore," said Mr. Schapitz, referring to the mixture of various unsophisticated Rhine-area grapes that Germans have blended for thousands of years into a basic, easyswilling beginner's wine.

Accordingly, the word liebfraumilch - a medieval term that describes the "milk" from the convents and monasteries in the Rhine Valley - no longer appears on the redesigned labels. In its place stands its proper viticultural classification as a Qualitaetswein Rheinhessen, reflecting what Langguth calls the "improved blending."

label, depicting a nun tending her sun-drenched vineyards, than the wine itself, Langguth's promotional literature confesses.

"An extremely delicate problem was posed by the quality of the wine," it says. Not content to put old wine in new bottles, the new owners apply strict controls on the variety and acidity of the grapes and say they narrowed the pool of Rhine-based sup-pliers, who grow and ferment the grapes under contract. Langguth does not grow its own grapes for

"It is still a sweet wine but we like to avoid that word and call it fruity," said Mr. Schapitz, adding it will retain its role as a beginner's wine but also is meant for 40-somethings. Langguth will export it to over 80 nations, he said. It is already being sold in

Britain and the United States. "They are pulling away from the really cheap wines that have debased liebfraumilch and debased German wines," said Michael Broadbent, author of wine guides and director of Christie's international

wine department in London. A backlash against low-quality sweet wines in the late 1980s and early 1990s depressed German wine exports, taking Blue Nun down with them, said Helmut Seibert, managing director at Lang-guth. Plunging wine prices, unsold inventories and strong new competition from "new world" vine-yards in countries like Argentina, Chile and Hungary conspired to create mounting losses for one of

the world's most recognized wine labels. H. Sichel Soehne, the family-run Rhineland vintners founded by the legendary wine exporter Walter Sichel, sold the brand and distribution rights to Langguth two years ago, moving ownership out of the Rhine and into the Mosel valley. "They lost considerable distribution because they stayed with a

The wine is now less sweet and more expensive. But the vineyard is not putting new wine in old bottles. The bottle has been changed from brown to blue, to match the nun's habit.

type of German wine that is sweet," Mr. Seibert said of the previous owners.

Despite self-imposed quality controls by many German growers, the government intervened in 1994 to stop an uncontrolled spiral of increased output and falling prices, according to the Agriculture Ministry. For the first time, Bonn set limits - with sanctions - on how many liters any German grower could yield per hectare.

National wine output has fallen to 8.5 million hectoliters (221 million gallons) from its peak near 14 million hectoliters in the early 1980s, a period some estates numbed out more hectoliters per hectare, more than double the maximum allowed by the exclusive Verband Deutsche Praedikats- und Qualitaetsweingueter, an association of premium wine makers.

"The lower the yield from the vineyard, the better you can concentrate minerals, taste, flavor and aroma in the wine," Mr. Goering said. Germans, Mr. Broadbent of Christie's said,

have to be bold and hope that by producing high quality wine they can enhance their image and charge a price that will pay them for doing this and reward them in the long term. In a shifting wine-growing climate, Blue Nun brings mixed blessings for Germany's 78,000 wine growers. To many, it still reflects the enduring popularity of Germany's simple and sweet wines, which still account for the majority of the nation's 700 million Deutsche marks (\$384.5 million) of

ut in the wake of the export deluge of the 1980s, Germany's elite wine makers reject nostalgic labels "with church towers and hillsides," said Mr. Goering. Led by wine lovers like Mr. Goering, critically acclaimed growers of dry Rieslings and Spaetburgenders meet regularly to coordinate strategies to restore the

image of German wine. Christened the "relaunch movement," they resolved that the frumpy brown bottles associated with liebfraumilch were out. Clear bottles with elegantly simple labels were in Their adherents include Verband Deutsche Praedikats- und Qualitaetsweingueter, which has added 20 member estates in the past five years, bring its membership to 180 growers, although they own less than 4 percent of Germany's vineyards.

Despite the efforts, the producers have yet to see the fruit of the labors. "The message still has not gotten out," Mr. Goering said. "To this day, the image is still sweet and, very often, cheap." Such an image is unfair, wine experts concur. German white vintages have garnered strong reviews, particularly since the new government controls in 1994.

And German red wine makers — once known

only for a handful of watery and boring rust-colored varieties — are harvesting euphoric reviews. "The German red wine miracle," the magazine Focus raved last month over the discovery of dreamily dark reds grown on German soil. An opulent grape called dornfelder, unique to Germany, has taken root in the past year in the German wine lexicon and helped establish the red wine wunder. "The reds have improved absolutely, enormously," Mr.

Walking a line between the past and future, the Blue Nun will go her own way, rejecting both clear and brown glass. Instead, the wine has reappeared in bright marine-blue bottles.

changes since she first appeared in 1921 - one of the best vintage years of this century - her new bottlers want her to remain a familiar commercial symbol. Over the decades, she has changed only slightly: In the '60s, her robe went from brown to blue. In the eighties, the number of nuns on the label dwindled from six to three and then finally to one.

But why a nun? "The monks and nuns of the Middle Ages." Langguth explains, "knew how beneficial a glass of good wine was for the harmony of mind and body.

Mexican Unrest Breeds **Hostility to Foreigners**

By Julia Preston
New York Times Service

CHENALHO, Mexico - The new county mayor whipped up a crowd of his followers with a message they loved

"We are tired of seeing so many foreigners around here!" cried Mayor Pedro Mariano Arias Perez, bringing a roar of approval from the Tzotzil Indians packed into the town square for his insurgement of Each 5 his inauguration Feb. 5.

All were supporters of the government in its confrontation with the Zapatista rebels in southern Chiapas state, and all were convinced that the many foreigners who have flocked through the county recently are hard-core Zapatistas. They just come to twist the minds of

the Indian people," Mr. Arias said, shaking his head emphatically and showing off the multicolored ribbons flowing over the brim of his hat, em-

blems of his new authority.

Other Mexican officials express the same sentiments. In a January speech to Maya Indians, President Ernesto Zedillo accused foreigners of exploiting tensions in Chiapas to further their own causes.

In a dig at the United States and its treatment of Native Americans, Mr. Zedillo said, "Foreigners who meddle, not to help find a solution to the conflict but to use it as a political banner, would do better working to correct the injustices left behind in their own countries by authoritarian rule, and by the exclusion of their forefathers.

The deepening polarization in Chiapas has brought out a zealous nationalism sometimes bordering on xenophobia in pro-government political forces both humble and mighty. The attitude toward outsiders has soured significantly since international attention was trained on the state by the Dec. 22 killings of 45 marmed Indians by progovernment gunmen in a hamlet in

Chenalho County.

A prominent Chiapas journalist has devoted his newspaper columns to de-crying the "satanic intervention" of unnamed foreigners. A local labor fed-eration called for foreign residents to be rounded up and expelled from the Indian highlands.

They are reacting to what is, indeed, a new level of foreign involvement in Mexico's affairs as a result of the Chiapas conflict.

Mr. Zedillo is facing close scrutiny from foreign governments of his actions to bring peace. In Chiapas, the wrath of government supporters is directed at thousands of young foreigners who report back to nongovernmental organizations about political events.

The foreigners who have descended on Chiapas since the Zapatistas' brief but spectacular uprising in 1994 tended to come through international church, human rights and volunteer groups.

Many responded to calls issued in the embattled leader of the Roman Catholic diocese that includes most of the Indian regions of Chiapas.

Bishop Ruiz has set up 26 "civilian peace camps," mainly in out-of-the-way, pro-Zapatista communities that fear attack by the Mexican Army. The camps are staffed by observers, about half of them foreigners, who send reports to a human-rights monitoring cen-

ter run by the diocese. The Reverend Pablo Romo, who runs the camps for the diocese, said the observers operate under rules that bar them from becoming protagonists in Mexican

We tell them that they are not here to make history or throw themselves in front of any tanks," Father Romo said. "We Mexicans will make our own history." International Service for Peace, a co-

alition of pacifist religious groups headquartered in Santa Cruz, California, publishes a newsletter in Chiapas and provides unarmed chaperones for any opposition figures who have re-ceived death threats. Global Exchange, a private organization with its headquarters in San Francisco, wires news of Chiapas by electronic mail to 850 subscribers, mostly in the United States.

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After the December massacre, the group organized a Christmas holiday "reality tour" for 21 U.S. citizens to visit the site and hear more about the background to the violence.

[A North Carolina woman was expelled last week, and immigration inspectors have been stopping foreigners who stroll through the city's main square, checking their identification. The Associated Press reported from San Cristobal de las Casas. In 1996 and 1997, 201 foreigners were expelled because of alleged political activity in Chiapas, said Fernando Solis Camara, commissioner of the government's National Immigration Institute.

Global Exchange volunteers acknowledge that they are partial to the Zapatistas. But they said they do not take any active part in politics and are only monitoring Mexico's compliance with internationally accepted principles.
"We have to be on the side of the

group that is most vulnerable, as a shield to protect their rights," said David Huey, 30, a volunteer from Northern Ireland.

The Mexican government is so uneasy about these visitors that it has not granted them formal permission to stay or work. Most foreign observers have only tourist visas, which authorize them to be sightseers for up to six months. Mexico's top immigration official

warned earlier this month that many foreigners in Chiapas are breaking the law.

Fugitive Is Named A Suspect in Attack On Alabama Clinic

By Kevin Sack New York Times Service

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama - After an intensive two-week manhunt for Eric Rudolph, federal authorities have named the 31-year-old North Carolina fugitive as a suspect in the Jan. 29, bombing of a Birmingham abortion it killeg sil oli-qu ficer and seriously wounded a nurse.

Although they have not found May Rudolph, federal investigators said at a news conference Saturday that their searches of his mobile home, truck and a storage unit had yielded enough eva idence to change his status from that of a material witness to a suspect. They declined to discuss the evidence, or to confirm media reports that traces of explosives had been found in the truckand the storage locker.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation offered a \$100,000 reward to anyone providing information that leads to the

arrest and conviction of Mr. Radolph. If arrested, Mr. Rudolph will be charged with using an explosive device to damage the New Woman All Women Health Care Clinic and with causing a death, said Douglas Jones, U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. Other charges could be added later.

Mr. Rudolph was not named as a suspect in connection with three bombings over the last 18 months in the Atlanta area. But James Cavanaugh, special agent in charge of the Birmingham office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said the possibility of a link was "still an open

Like the Birmingham bomb, all three of the attacks in Atlanta used nails as shrapnel.

More in Sierra Leone Junta Surrender

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Some 100 leaders of Sierra Leone's ousted mili- 'Kabbah to office. tary junta have surrendered to forces and were reported to be on their way to a high-security prison in this capital

city Sunday. People familiar with the situation say 250 senior officials who forced the democratically elected President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah to flee during an army coup last May surrendered to the West African intervention troops that have taken over Freetown.

The intervention force seized control of Freetown on Friday, ending the eight-

DR. STANISLAS RAOUL
ADRIEN AQUARONE
Former Registrar of the International Court
of Justice, passed away on 9 February 1998
at Cambridge (U.K.) at the age of 82. He is
survived by his children Michele, Remy.
Magic Christine and Reme-Christophe, as
well as by his grandchildren. The funeral
service will be field on 17 February 1998 at
9:45 a.m. at the West Chapel Crematorium
in Cambridge.

month army-led rebellion. said fighting had killed up to weapons but more probably pected to restore President

Several hundred Sierra Le-Nigerian-led peacekeeping one soldiers have also put down their arms and surrendered, the sources said. The leader of the junta,

Lieutenant Colonel Johnny

Paul Koromah, was not reported to be among those who have surrendered. On Saturday he told the BBC from a location he said was near Freetown that his

forces were still intact and would fight on. Nigerian officials said that Freetown was under the control of intervention troops and that the forces were pushing on to the west with little re-

sistance. Witnesses said fleeing Sierra Leone soldiers had stripped off their uniforms and left weapons behind. There were reports of

sporadic fighting to the south-west but no gunfire was audible, nor were there any visible troop movements. Aid workers in the capital

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The West African force is ex- 100 people and wounded 1,000, although exact numbers could not be established overburdened. morgue workers were bury- or cleaning their weapons. ing the dead as quickly as

> The intervention force has turned part of its attention to calming Freetown's population and preventing looting, and the Nigerian commander of the force, Colonel Maxwell

Kobe, has traveled around the city reassuring inhabitants. Meanwhile, warnings have been issued against the pil-laging of food, already severely depleted by regional

sanctions against the junta. Several people were arrested overnight, and Nigerian troops were deployed to prevent further looting.

Officials expressed concern over the food shortages, which have driven up prices. A bag of rice now costs the equivalent of two months' salary.

Civilians have set up roadblocks around the city's outskirts, searching the few cars on the streets ostensibly for taking a cut of any supplies they might find. The Nigerian troops stood to one side, standing quietly in the shade

The air support provided during the offensive launched last week has not been seen for several days. A representative of the In-

ternational Committee of the Red Cross, Jean-Luc Metzker, said the situation in the city was totally calm, and that the 4,000 refugees who had sought shelter in the Red Cross compound had left, with only the wounded remaining.

No significant signs of the fighting remained, apart from a few houses destroyed from the air or by shelling. There were no burned-out cars or traces of hand-to-hand fighting. The ocean front and the tourist hotels to the west of the city were

deserted. Red Cross workers said the eastern town of Bo had been taken by militias fighting with the West African intervention force.

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lessened Sunday despite the continuing warm and sunny weather that led to two days of pollution alerts. The level of nitrogen dioxide was back to level one on a three-point scale,

Italy Rail Strike Fades ROME (AFP) - A strike by Italian

state-run rail authority, the Ferrovie dello Stato, said Sunday. Railway station masters across Italy

began the impromptu 24-hour strike at 9 P.M. on Saturday. The United States warned Amer-

icans to avoid traveling in Gaza and the

West Bank and to exercise caution in

Jerusalem as tensions build between the United States and Iraq. More than 500 airline passengers have been stranded on Madeira because of three days of fog and rain, an airline

official on the Portuguese island said

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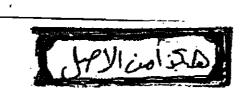
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any length of time.

Ms. Tripp's activities that day demonstrate the unusual nexus between the Jones team as it sought ammunition in its looking for potential criminal violations. By cooperating with Mrs. Jones's lawyers even as she was providing Mr. Starr with information leged affair, Ms. Tripp proved the crucial link in a scandal that is imperiling Mr.

Clinton's presidency.

The previously unreported meeting between Ms. Tripp and the Jones team on Jan. 16 also adds another twist to events of a day that is shaping unfolding crisis. That was the same day that Ms. Lewinwho should through the management of the Although he acknowless the should the management of alleged polincal are cash that day that he had sexulated the country of alleged polincal are cash to the former White House aide the 24-year-old woman the cash as an area of alleged polincal are cash the former White House aide the 24-year-old woman the cash are cash through the acknowle affidavit in the Jones case denying any sexual liaison with the president. And it was the day that Ms. Tripp lured Ms. Lewinsky to a hotel in cash of alleged polincal are recall ever being alone with the president. And it was the day that Ms. Tripp lured Ms. Lewinsky to a hotel in cash of alleged polincal are recall ever being alone with the president. And it was the day that Ms. Tripp lured Ms. Lewinsky to a hotel in cash of alleged polincal are recall ever being alone with the president. And it was the day that Ms. Tripp lured Ms. Lewinsky to a hotel in cash of alleged polincal are recall ever being alone with the president. And it was the day that Ms. Tripp lured Ms. Lewinsky to a hotel in cash of alleged polincal are recall ever being alone with the president. And it was the day that Ms. Tripp lured Ms. Lewinsky to a hotel in cash of the cash o and tried to enlist her as an undercover informant in their probe into whether Mr. Clinton or his close friend Vernon Jordan Jr. tried to obstruct against a hostile witness. justice by urging her to deny

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an attorney for Mrs. Jones, T. Wesley Holmes, in the evening, sources informed about the meeting said.

Among the many uncivil case and the Starr team answered questions in the continuing drama is what motivated Ms. Tripp to surreptitiously record more than 20 hours of conversations with her one-time friend, hand about Ms. Lewinsky's al- over the tapes to Mr. Starr and, as it turns out, simultaneously provide crucial information to Mrs. Jones's lawyers.

One reason she may have cooperated with the Jones camp, one of her lawyers said, was to avoid having to testify what is known about the in a formal deposition about the Jones case, where Mr. up as a critical one in the Clinton's attorneys would have the chance to grill Ms. Tripp as well.
Mr. Clinton's advisers see

the Tripp-Jones meeting as further evidence of what they consider collusion, although they would not comment on the new details of Ms. Tripp's role in the two cases. From the Jones perspective, however, interviewing

Ms. Tripp the night before deposing Mr. Clinton was simply thorough and necessary research before going up 'They wanted to prepare as completely as possible so



ALL IN — President Clinton and Representative John Murtha finishing up a game of golf over the weekend.

bad? What are you supposed to do? Walk in with a blank pad?"

The Jones team had sought out a meeting with Ms. Tripp the law firm Rader, Campbell, Fisher & Pyke had flown in from Dallas for the deposition. But Ms. Tripp put them off for much of the day, without saying why, until finally, late in the day, she sent word that she would talk with

marata, a lawyer who repre- formation that has since besented Mrs. Jones before her come public, including what current team took over, she was told by Ms. Lewinsky "That's good lawyering. To three days earlier when they prepare in advance — is that got together at the Ritz-Carlton bar, the sources said. Unbeknownst to Ms. Lewinsky at the time, Ms. Tripp was wearing a hidden microphone supplied by the FBI and the that day. All six lawyers from tape of their conversation helped prod Mr. Start to seek provided apparently proved the authority to expand his

Whitewater investigation. Mrs. Jones's lawyers asked to review the tapes, but Ms. Tripp would not allow it. Instead, they used the information they gleaned that night to confirm what they had pre-During the meeting, Ms. viously been told by Ms. Tripp related much of the in-

had talked with her. On the next Monday and Tuesday. they negotiated with Mr. Moody the wording of a formal written declaration from Ms. Tripp, which she then signed on Jan. 21, the same day the Lewinsky allegations were first reported in The Washington Post.

In that statement, which was obtained by The Post last week, Ms. Tripp said Ms. Lewinsky "revealed to me in detailed conversations on innumerable occasions that she has had a sexual relationship with Clinton since Nov. 15, 1995. She played for me at least three tanes containing the president's voice and showed me gifts they exchanged.

Ms. Tripp was subpoenaed by the Jones team Nov. 24, but she began having a series of contacts with the lawyers and so her deposition scheduled for Dec. 18 was postponed. The Wall Street Journal has reported that Ms. Tripp talked with Mrs. Jones's lawyers twice in the week leading up to the Clin-

ton deposition. The information she important in the questioning, led by a Jones attorney, James Fisher. Did you ever have sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky? Mr. Clinton was asked. Did she ever acmally visit you when she was cleared to visit the White House by the president's personal secretary, Betty Currie? Did you give her gifts? Were you ever alone with her?

The president was so struck by the specificity of the questions, one person close to him has said, that when he the office the next day so they could compare notes.

Mrs. Currie has told investigators that Mr. Clinton told her she was always in earshot while Ms. Lewinsky was agreed with, according to a source. But Mrs. Currie also told investigators that in fact she sometimes did leave Mr. Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky alone while she was in an outer office.

POLITICAL NOTES

Searching for a Candidate

WASHINGTON — The first stage in the 1998 struggle for control of the House of Representatives is coming to a close with some Democrats worried that the party is still scrambling to find strong candidates in at least 10 congressional districts up for grabs.

For the past year, candidate recruitment has been crucial to both parties as the Republicans seek to maintain its House majority and Democrats hope to pick up the 11 or 12 seats that would give them back the power they held from 1954 to 1994. But as the election approaches, political analysts see the combination of strengthened incumbents, record high campaign costs and little public love for elected officials resulting in growing difficulties for enticing new candidates into the political arena.

Charles Cook Jr., editor of the Cook Political Report, said that on a national level, both parties worked hard to get good candidates but generated little excitement. Moreover. he said, incumbents are raising substantial amounts of money, and "there is very little money for challengers." These factors "lower the chances of the Democrats coming back" to gain control of the House.

Unions Fight Ballot Initiatives

WASHINGTON - The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations plans to spend millions of dollars and mount unprecedented grass-roots activities to defeat a California ballot initiative and similar efforts in at least 14 other states that the unions claim could take them out of the political game.

Steve Rosenthal, the unions' political director, said Friday that labor will spend about \$8 million in California to try to defeat a June 2 ballot initiative that would greatly limit the ability of unions to use membership dues for political purposes. The initiative is one of 19 legislative proposals or ballot initiatives labor faces in 15 states so far this year, all designed to curb the unions' political

Quote/Unquote

Rahm Emanuel, an adviser to President Bill Clinton, on George Stephanopoulos, the former White House aide whose comments on the Lewinsky crisis have annoyed many of his former friends and colleagues: "George has got to do what George has got to do. We've all got to live with ourselves afterwards.

Away From Politics

 Propelled by heavy Prozac sales, the Lilly Endowment has become the largest American philanthropy. The Lilly Endowment grew to \$12.7 billion in 1997, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy. The Ford Foundation, at \$9.4 billion, had been the nation's largest charitable fund for the past 30 years.

• The bodies of three snowmobilers have been recovered from Lake Michigan, about 17 hours after they fell through an open area in the ice and drowned. (AP)

 Frail, elderly Medicare beneficiaries with severe illnesses are being improperly denied coverage for home health services that they are entitled to receive, U.S. judges have ruled in thousands of recent cases around the

has branched out into sex and perjury by an episode in early 1996, when the first lady tried to strike back against allegations against the president. regret in Characteristing swirl surrounding the latest presidential scandal, Hillary Rodham One key player in this brief drama what she saw as unfair coverage. Clinton has made clear that she sees a

By Howard Kurtz The degree to which she can be Washington Post Service preoccupied by the press is revealed

According to key participants in that episode, the first lady ordered White House lawyers to prepare a report criticizing the work of Susan Schmidt, the lead Whitewater reporter for The Washington Post. Mrs. Clin-The first lady's distrust of the press ton wanted the report released by the White House as a public document, but after heated debate, other officials was exacerbated by the Whitewater managed to keep it confidential.

the administration six years later.

ports, even as the investigation by the White House special counsel. The is- returned to the White House independent counsel, Kenneth Starr,

has since switched sides. The first lady asked for the report following suggestions to the White House by Sidney Blumenthal, then a writer for the New Yorker magazine, participants say. He is now an assistant to President Bill Clinton, and his duties include monitoring media coverage.

After the report was compiled by White House attorneys at public ex-With a fierceness that would puzzle pense, it was killed by Michael Mc- It was hard to find specific factual campaign and continues to exasperate outsiders, many of the same people are Curry, the White House press sec-

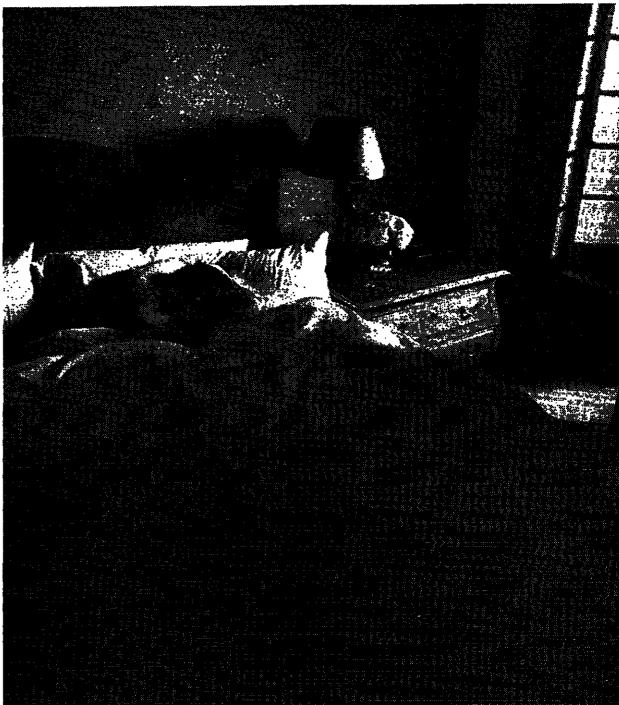
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still arguing over long-ago news re- retary, and Mark Fabiani, then a sue came to a head at a staff meeting in that night, he called Mrs. Curthe first lady's conference room in the rie and asked her to come into Old Executive Office Building. "This is the dumbest idea I've ever heard in my life," Mr. McCurry said, according to participants. "I make these decisions. This is not happening."

All copies of the report were collected, and a recent search by White around, which Mrs. Currie House officials failed to turn one up.

'They had put together some material that analyzed the coverage," Mr. McCurry said Friday, "but it was really about the tone of the coverage.

"Cancel the warm milk. I don't think I'll need it."



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Cyprus President Re-elected

Klerides Wins Narrow Victory Over Ex-Foreign Minister

The Associated Press

NICOSIA — President Glavkos Klerides scored a narrow victory in the presidential election Sunday that was considered crucial for the reunification of the war-di-

Final results gave him 50.8 percent of the vote compared with the 49.2 percent of his challenger, former Foreign Minister George Iakovou.

and Cypriot flags, staged noisy celebrations in all the main towns to mark his re- to him. election for a second fiveyear term.

The election was significant as the new government will embark on crucial negotiations next month for the reunification of the island, which is divided between the Greek Cypriot area — where the elections were held — and the Turkish-occupied north. The new government will

also hold separate talks on Cyprus's accession to the European Union.

In the first-round polls on

Feb. 8, Mr. Iakovou, with riots abroad who flew home 40.6 percent, held a slight to cast their ballots. Cyprus lead over Mr. Klerides, with Airways added 35 extra

40.1 percent. The small Socialist Party. whose candidate won 10.6 percent of the vote in the first round, declined to endorse either candidate in the runon.

Its supporters apparently held in 1974 in the wake or an abortive coup by supporters of union with Greece.

The leaders of four other of union with Greece.

Mr. Klerides, 78, main-

Thousands of supporters of total of 8.7 percent of the vote tained that his 40 years of Mr. Klerides, waving Greek in the first round, backed Mr. experience in negotiating Klerides. But it was not clear how many of those votes went with the Turkish Cypriot side and his meetings with inter-

When voting ended at 5 P.M., 94 percent of the 446,976 eligible voters had cast their ballots in 1,018 polling stations. "I pray this will be the last U.S. pressure to compromise

election before Cyprus is re- on Turkish Cypriot demands united so we can all return to for partition. our homes," said Andreas After casting their ballots Louca, an 80-year-old Sunday, both Mr. Iakovou and refugee from the Turkish-oc- Mr. Klerides reaffirmed to

cupied north of Cyprus. their cheering supporters that Analysts had predicted that they would respect a pledge their cheering supporters that a decisive factor in the elec- made last week to form an alltion would be the votes of the party national unity govern-estimated 10,000 Greek Cyp-ment if they were elected.



A Cypriot casting her ballot Sunday in Nicosia.

Crew's Map Did Not Show Ski Lift, Lawyer Says

indispensable to the upcom-

ing talks.
Mr. lakovou, 59, called

Mr. Klerides ineffective and

accused him of yielding to

By John Tagliabue

produced by the U.S. Defense Départment that was used by the crew of a Marine Corps jet that hit a ski lift in an American map used to brief the northern Italy, killing 20 people, does not show the ski lift, according to lift. The crew carried a copy of the Another

lawyers for the plane's crew. They also said that information tronic surveillance plane showed that the aircraft had "maintained authorized altitudes and route."

because its towers are not tall enough to merit inclusion, according to De-fense Department officials in Wash-

accident occurred, to the top of Mount was.

map on their flight. proximately 100 feet. The lift's tower The ski lift was not on the map atop Mount Cermis is about 65 feet high, and an intermediate tower halfway up the mountain from Ca-valese is about 46 feet.

Prowler, was flying below the approved altitude of 2,000 feet (610 because the cable crosses a valley. ski lift was clearly marked.

pilot and his three crew members, said according to the head of the mapping an American map used to brief the agency, Rear Admiral Joseph

Another map, called a joint op-erational graphic chart, produced ac-They also said that information from a German-based NATO elec- agery and Mapping Agency, which Department of Defense and the North produced the map, said towers need Atlantic Treaty Organization, was is-not be shown unless they reach apsued in 1996. It does not show the ski

Mr. Malattia could not say exactly which American maps the crew had used, or when they had been issued.

Members of the Italian Parliament ington.

Mr. Schultz, associate director for were shown a map provided by the geospatial imagery at the agency, said the that the plane, a Marine EA-6B the cable may be higher above the truthat approved the flight. It showed the plane's authorized course, and the

lift stretches nearly 16,000 feet from features like that, we would have no Air Force maps had apparently not the ski resort of Cavalese, where the way of knowing what the height been used. The accident would not have occurred, Mr. Andreatta told ROME — An air navigation map

Cermis to the south.

The map, known as a tactical piroduced by the U.S. Defense DeAntonio Malattia, a lawyer for the lotage map, was updated in 1992, effectively distributed to our NATO

> When a pilot flies a low-altitude training mission, Admiral Dantone said, "the first couple or three goes. he'd put a lot of gravy into it, fly higher than the minimum required, to really have a close look."

Investigators have said the flight that caused the accident was the first over Cavalese by the plane's Marine pilot, Captain Richard Ashby.

The Italian government says the plane, which returned safely to Aviano Air Base, east of Cavalese, flew off course and below authorized altitudes. American and Italian officials are investigating the case.

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2 Bosnian Serbs Surrender to **Face UN Court**

By Colin Soloway hington Post Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina --- Two Bospian Serbs indicted on war crimes charges have surrendered in northern Bosnia to representatives of the United Nations war crimes tribunal.

Miroslav Tadic, 60, and Milan Simic, 39, accompanied by U.S. Embassy officials, approached American soldiers on Saturday at the gates of Colt Base, near the town of Bosanski Samac, and were

With their attorney and Mr. Simic's wife, the suspects were escorted to the U.S. divisional headquarters near Tuzla where they were handed over to tribunal representatives and flown on a North Atlantic Treaty Organization aircraft to The

The two men, accused of organizing a "campaign of terror," are charged with crimes against humanity. Mr. Simic also has been accused of violating the rules and customs of war during the "ethnic cleansing," or forcible removal, of Mus-lims and Croats when Serbian forces took over Bosanski Samac in April 1992.

Mr. Tadic, a former teacher and café owner, is accused of organizing the deportation of non-Serbian civilians. Mr. Simic, an economist, is charged with severely beating a Muslim, Muhamed Bicic, who was in custody.

The surrender Saturday, the first of Serbian war crimes suspects, was the result of more than a year of negotiations among tribunal officials and an at-torney for Mr. Tadic and Mr. Simic. A third suspect, Simo Zaric, who was the leader of a Serbian territorial defense unit, was also to have surrendered.

"I hope this is the beginning of the end of the demonizing of the Serb people," Mr. Tadic said before leaving for the U.S. base. "This act is not against the Serb Republic. On the contrary, it will open some processes which will help our state and

The arrests came less than a week after Milorad Dodik, the Bosnian Serb prime minister, told reporters in Vienna that his new, Western-backed government would do everything it could to en-

courage suspects to surrender. The surrender was seen as a step forward for the tribunal in its quest to try the more than 50 indicted war crimes suspects still at large in the countries that once formed Yugoslavia. But court officials worry that the case in Bosanski Samac may be a mixed blessing, and that, as in the case of three Bosnian Croats released in December, the tribunal may not have a strong enough case to prosecute.

A source close to the tribunal said that compared with the torture and murder charges against three other Bosanski Samac suspects, it is difficult to understand why Mr. Tadic and Mr. Simic were indicted. "If what is published in the indictment is all they have, these guys are going to walk," the

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Serbian Group Threatens Germans

BONN — A Serbian group calling itself "Black Hand" has threatened deadly attacks against German businessman and diplomats in Yugoslavia, the Foreign Ministry said Sunday.

The ministry was confirming a report in the news magazine Focus that the threatening calls had been placed to the German Embassy in Belgrade and that the embassy had warned German nationals about

them.

Germany was vilified by hardline Serbs during the conflicts in
neighboring Bosnia and Croatia,
partly because of the Nazi occupation of Yugoslavia in World War
II and its support for a Nazi pupper
state in Croatia.

(AP)

A Lead in Attack On Shevardnadze

MOSCOW - A Chechen warlord who claims to have instigated the assassination attempt against President Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia was summoned to the Chechen prosecutor's office Sun-day for questioning, the Interfax and

Itar-Tass news agencies reported.

According to the reports, a criminal investigation has been opened against a renegade field command-er, Salman Raduyev, who last week claimed his faction was responsible for the attack Feb. 9 on Mr. Shevardnadze.

Cover-Up Excluded In Pedophilia Case

BRUSSELS — A year and a half after the arrest of Marc Dutroux on charges of pedophilia and kidnap-ping, a Belgian parliamentary re-port has concluded that there was no cover-up and that Mr. Dutroux was protected by the shortcomings of police and magistrates.

The report, to be presented Tuesday to the Chamber of Deputies, rejects the theory that Mr. Dutroux benefited from high-level protection. Mr. Dutroux is charged with kidnapping and detaining at least six Belgian girls from June 1995 to August 1996. Four of the girls were

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BRIEFLY

Aid Reaches Afghan Victims travel on to the southern city of Nanjing.

RUSTAO, Afghanistan — A helicopter ferried aid Sunday to remote mountain villages for the first time since last week's earthquake in northeastern Afghanistan, in which up to 5,000 people were killed.

Three helicopters carrying blankets, food and plastic

sheeting arrived in the area and one immediately left for the remotest villages, which have been inaccessible by road.

Two of three helicopters belonged to the military alliance that controls the area and the third was chartered from neighboring Tajikistan by aid organizations.

U.S. Clerics Give List to Chinese

BELING - A delegation of visiting American clerics presented Chinese authorities with a list of religious detainees Sunday in an effort to determine their condition and the nature of the charges they face.

The three clerics, Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York, the Reverend Don Argue, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Archbishop Theodore Mc-Carrick of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, presented their appeal for information to Ye Xiaowen, director of the religious affairs bureau of China's State Council.

Their meeting with Mr. Ye included a discussion on China's requirement that religious groups and places of

worship register with the government. The group was to

Malaysia Urges Action on Fires

KUALA LUMPUR — Fearing another Southeast Asian haze crisis, Malaysia called on Indonesia on Sunday to take immediate steps to douse fires raging out of control in its

The most recent fires have razed 3,000 hectares (7,400 acres) of Indonesia's dwindling forests in East Kalimantan province, according to the national news agency Bernama. Immediate steps by Indonesia are necessary, said the chairman of Malaysia's National Disaster Management and Relief Committee, Mohammed Rahmat, speaking in Johor Bahru, 300 kilometers, (180 miles) south of here. (AP)

12 Die in Battle for Tamil Town

COLOMBO — Tamil rebels fought Sri Lankan troops trying to wrest control of a key northern town, killing at least 12 soldiers and wounding 40 others, military officials

The military drove back the Saturday night attack, which took place outside Mankulam town in the Mullaittivu district, 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of the capital, Colombo. Rebel casualties were not immediately known, said officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)

China Vows to Punish Elephant Poachers

By Seth Faison New York Times Service

MENGYANG, China --- The wild elephants that once roamed freely over southern China retreated long ago to the dense tropical rain forest that covers the mountains here near the borders with

Burma and Laos. The dwindling elephant population that survives has been ravaged in recent years by poachers eager for the animals' precious tusks, which sell for nearly

\$10,000 a pair. That is a big sum in an area where four of every five people live in farming households and the per-capita income is less than \$300 a year.

Elephants also destroy crops, anger-

ing farmers.
Now, after years of neglect, local officials say they are getting serious about protecting elephants and other wildlife, and vow they will punish poachers severely.

The elephant population has stabilized at more than 200, officials say, though the animals amble through a remote territory that straddles the border with Laos, making it difficult to count

In many parts of China, one of the costs of fast economic growth over the last decade has been damage to the environment and to wildlife.

In this rich rain forest, there are more than 600 species of terrestrial wildlife

and nearly 100 have been deemed worthy of state protection, including elephants.

Yet it is sometimes hard for the state to protect rare animals, especially when the officers of the state are guilty them-

Growing corruption among police and army officers has led to a wide tolerance of any venture that makes money, and some take part in the killing

of rare animals. Perhaps the most shocking case of poaching occurred in 1994, when two hunters who were caught killing an elephant disclosed that they had been hired by a local police chief who agreed to pay

them a few hundred dollars for tusks he planned to sell for thousands. Rather than bury the case, as often happens when a criminal has political influence with local Communist Party

officials, the government here chose to make an example of it. The poaching police chief was ex-

"The only way to send a clear message is to give the harshest punishment

' said Cha Ke, deputy governor of the Xishnangbanna district. The situation has improved since then," he said. In 1995, Mr. Cha said, 17 people were

arrested for poaching, and five were executed. In 1997, he said, only one poacher was executed. Efforts by officials like Mr. Cha to

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turkey 26 Former Main Sen. William control poaching seem to stem in part from a growing sense of the importance of protecting rare animal and plant life.

Officials are mindful of how wild elephants help draw tourists, who are becoming a formidable source of revenue in the area: In 1997 nearly 2 million Chinese tourists visited the area, where the elephant has been made an official symbol, up from 400,000 in 1990.

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"wild elephant park" was even built here in Mengyang, with paths along a mountainside that allow travelers to look down at a spot by a stream where elephants often come to drink and

Yet with so many tourists, the elephants are less likely to appear during

On a recent afternoon, with no elephants in sight, several groups of tourists had to settle for a performance by four captive elephants instead.

Hostility toward elephants among local farmers also has been a problem, and the government now compensates farmers when their crops are damaged by

When the elephants dance, a few steps cause a lot of damage," said Cao Mengliang, the local forestry director. 'By paying the farmers, we are encouraging them to leave the animals

'We want to protect our ele-

Bus Explosion Kills 16 People In Central China

BELIING - Sixteen people were killed and 30 were injured when a bus exploded near a bridge over the Yangtze River in Wuhan, a major industrial city in central China, state-run press organizations reported Sunday.

The official Xinhua press agency did not report the cause of the explosion, but said the police were investigating. A government spokesman and the police said the cause was not yet known.

The number of fatalities is likely to

rise because some of those injured were in critical condition and not expected to survive, a Hong Kong-based rights group quoted an official at Tongji Hospital, where the injured people were taken, as saying. It did not identify the official. The Information Center of Human

Rights and Democratic Movement in China also quoted a doctor at the hospital, whose name was not disclosed, as saying that the number of 16 deaths was not correct, but that the authorities would not allow the real number to be disclosed. The group said information from sources in Wuhan indicated that at least 30 people were killed.

The ous exploded approaching a bridge over the Yangtze in Hubei



The skeleton of the bus that blew up at the bridge over the Yangtze.

Province at 10:08 A.M. Saturday, Xin-

hua quoted the police as saying. The report said the damage suggested that the explosion had been caused by a bomb. It quoted an unidentified source at the scene as saying the bus was gutted by fire after the explosion. Two taxis and three other buses were damaged, it

Chinese cities have been hit by several major explosions in the past year, prompting the police to step up efforts to prevent the sale and transport of ex-

Separatists from the largely Muslim northwestern autonomous region of Xinjiang Uygur were suspected of carrying out several bombings in China last

In March last year a bomb that exploded on a bus in central Beijing wounded 10 people. A second bomb exploded outside a major shopping center but caused no casualties. Both incidents are still under investigation, with groups of disgruntled workers or Uygur separatists remaining the main

According to a source, the bomb did not go off according to plan but ex-ploded before the bus crossed the

The bridge is the city's largest and links the major districts of Wuchang and Hanyang. Completed in 1957, it is considered among communist China's first greatest engineering achieve-(AP, AFP)

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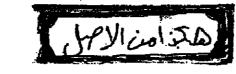
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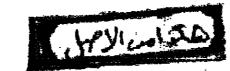
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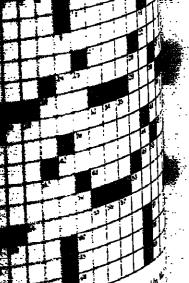
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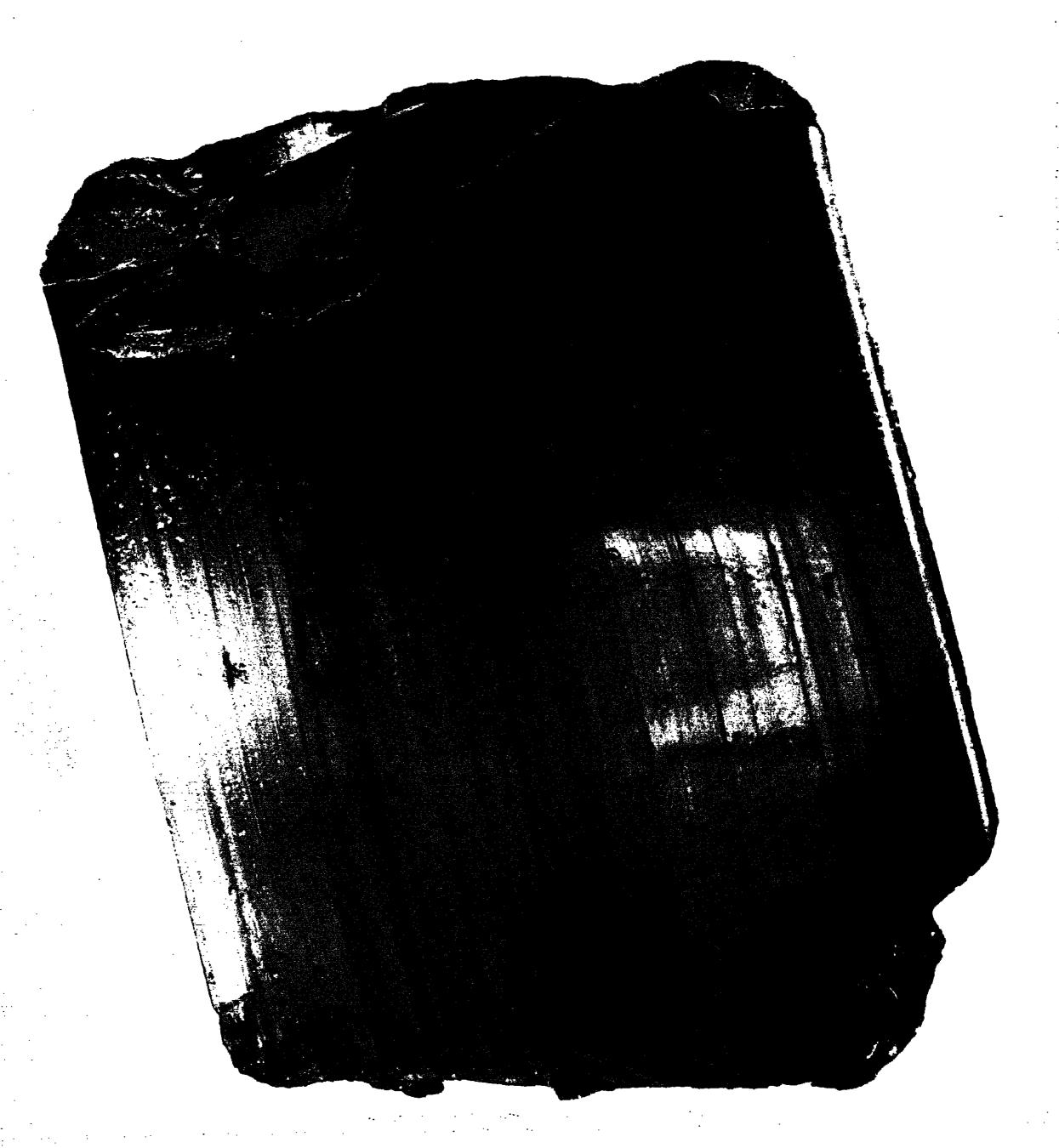
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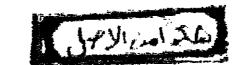
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Scenario for Attack on Iraq Underlines Desire to Limit Civilian Casualties

By John Mintz Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The first explosions would come after 3 A.M. in Baghdad, when lookouts are at their drowsiest, with ship-launched cruise missiles shattering one of Saddam Hussein's palaces or the headquarters of one of his

internal security agencies. Within minutes, dusty black F-117 fighters would arrive from Kuwait, cloaked from radar detection and invisible against a moonless sky. Bearing 2,000-pound (900-kilogram) laserwould aim for chemical and biological

weapons sites or air-defense centers. unfold and what sites could be hit. Colleverage on President Saddam.

In choreographed sequence, they lectively, they describe a campaign that U.S. military planners are struggling to In choreographed sequence, they would be followed by EA-6B and FA-18 Gulf and carrying missiles to destroy last two to five days. Iraqi radar operators who flip their

equipment to "on." The timing and targets of any U.S. air ministration has said will begin in weeks without a diplomatic breakthrough, are Behind these calculations, however,

would involve up to 300 daily bombing jets launched from aircraft carriers in the runs against a wide range of targets and

A U.S. general privately told senators in a briefing last week that he estimated that 1,500 Iraqi civilians and soldiers strike on iraq, which the Clinton ad- would be killed, along with a handful of

secret and still under debate. But an are debates under way in planning ofexamination of the U.S. weaponry on fices in the Pentagon and in Riyadh hand in the Gulf region and interviews about which targets to strike and which with military officials, retired officers 10 avoid. The debates' outcome will guided penetration bombs, the planes and military experts, make it possible to determine not only life and death for

reconcile an overwhelming military advantage with a set of imposed limits. They include the aims of the Clinton administration's policy and a consuming desire to avoid killing Iraqi civilians or exposing U.S. pilots to unnecessary risk, military officials and outside expens say.

According to a variety of accounts, the first night's attack probably would resemble the one that inaugurated Desert Storm at 3 A.M. in Baghdad on Jan. 18,

This time U.S. commanders would

like the 1991 effort. Some military analysts said U.S. bombing planners are operations. likely to "front load" attacks on their highest-priority targets in the first night out of concern that civilian deaths and the resulting diplomatic pressure might prompt the Clinton administration to Gulf.

scale back the operation's later phases. There are some obvious differences from the military force of seven years ago. In contrast to the 500,000 ground troops involved in Desert Storm, commanders today say they have ruled out even a small Special Forces operation on the bombing. Naval aircraft, which have about 300 warplanes, one-tenth the the ground in Iraq. The 7,000 U.S. sketch out how an attack is likely to many traqis but also the future of U.S. armada of seven years ago. But the at- ground troops in the region are des-

tack probably will look at the start much ignated to defend Kuwait in case of Iraqi attack and for pilot search-and-rescue

> Unlike the broad coalition of international forces in 1991, the U.S. military would be joined this time only by Britain, which has an aircraft carrier in the

> In part because Saudi Arabia has denied use of its airfields for U.S. combat flights - unlike in Desert Storm this time Navy FA-18s and F-14s flying off the Independence and the George Washington in the Gulf will do most of played a relatively minor role in the Gulf War, have significantly greater air-toground firepower than they did in

> Overall, the U.S. military has larger stocks today of "smart" and "precision-guided" munitions. In the Gulf War, less than 15 percent of the bombs dropped were of this type; this time it may be well over half. Navy officials assert that their new, more accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles can be given target instructions in minutes aboard ship, rather than in hours, as in 1991. The missiles now are equipped with satellite guidance systems, which supposedly make them more accurate, less prone to confusion by clouds and smoke, and able to travel greater distances.

Whenever possible, planners are re-lying on "stealthy" or radar-evading jets, and "standoff" missiles shot from afar and delivered to their targets using high-tech lasers, satellite-positioning technology and guidance systems employing television cameras in nose cones. Part of the incentive for using such weapons is to minimize casualties to pilots and civilians.

But nobody is promising a bloodless

General Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaking to reporters Friday, seemed to be preparing the American public for Iraqi civilian deaths as he returned repeatedly to a single theme: "We have no quarrel with the Iraqi people and we're going to great lengths to ensure we hit only what we intend to hit." But, he added, "war is a dirty thing.'

dirty thing."
Pentagon officials want no repetition of an event that occurred seven years ago when F-117 fighters dropped a pair of 2,000-pound laser-guided bombs onto the underground Al Firdos bunker in southwest Baghdad. CIA analysts had concluded apparently correctly, that it concluded, apparently correctly, that it was an intelligence compound. But they

Two hundred and four bodies were pulled from the burning rubble before television cameras, and U.S. commanders all but ended their bombing campaign of Baghdad that very day.

The U.S. war planners' predicament is illustrated in their plans to bomb "You recognize friends when they're chemical and biological sites. Since Ocin need," Mr. Sikorski said. "At such a tober, when United Nations inspectors suspected of housing components for weapons of mass destruction, U.S. intelligence analysts have said that they do not know the whereabouts of the chemicals, equipment, computers or files used to make the weapons.

These components most likely have been spirited away to laboratories, factories, schools and hospitals throughout Iraq that are also used as temporary weapons-making and storage sites, U.S. intelligence officials say. If their locations are confirmed, these are among the highest priority targets. But senior commanders say they are weighing evidence about the presence of weapons materials against the likelihood of harming civilians in a strike.

General Shelton spoke of the ease with which Iraqi technicians can transform a hospital, a veterans clinic or a fertilizer plant into a facility for making an anthrax or mustard gas weapon. You can convert one of them

quickly and resume making chemical or biological weapons," General Shelton said. "One day he's making fertilizer, the next day chemical [weapons] and the next day fertilizer. We're not going to bomb hospitals, for sure.

"I didn't say we can eliminate" Iraqi weapons of mass destruction," he ad-

An air force officer who specializes in bomb-targeting said that air war planners were struggling with the risks in and pharmaceutical and pesticide plants.

don't suffer propaganda defeats" by hit-ting a "dual-use" location that would appear on television to be a purely civilian location, the targeter said. "It's a huge problem. A lot of it will be un-

that they had not yet developed weapons that reliably destroy chemical or biological plants without releasing toxins into the atmosphere. The air force is experimenting with incendiary bombs that burn the poisons and the navy is developing a weapon that would col-

U.S. military commanders also are

To accomplish President Bill Clin-The Russian ambassador to Syria ton's stated aim of "substantially" reweapons of mass destruction, U.S. bombs will be targeted not only at biological and chemical weapons plants, machinery for them. Administration officials also have said that an attack is designed to force Mr. Saddam to readmit

Underground Saddam With Threat of Attack, Iraqi Leader Reverts To Intricate Pattern of Clandestine Movement

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

AMMAN, Jordan - The man who has led Iraq since 1968 — through two wars, years of oil plenty and years of dire crises - does not sleep in the same place two nights in a row these days, his former associates say.

He sometimes sends out convoys of cars as decoys while he takes the wheel of another car himself, dressed in Bedouin garb and in the company of a bodyguard or two from the Special Guards, his security detail. They show up at the doors of ordinary households to announce: "You have a guest tonight."

In anticipation of an American air attack, Saddam Hussein has reverted to the pattern of surreptitious moves that he adopted during the Gulf War.

The former associates — several senior officials who worked for him and met with him, Arab cabinet ministers who have visited him recently and Arab intelligence officers monitoring Iraq all agreed in interviews last week that as lraq prepares for the possibility of a military strike by the United States and its allies, the nation's supreme goal is to make sure Mr. Saddam survives.

And his survival seems nearly certain unless there is a plan to land troops to find and kill him, some Arab officials say.

"I saw what happened during the strikes of 1990 and 1991," a former senior Iraqi official said. "You couldn't find Saddam. No one knew where he was - not the members of the Revolutionary Council, not the cabinet ministers. Only a handful of people did, and they were not accessible.

"He spent nights among people in the most ordinary neighborhoods. You never knew until there was a knock on the door with someone announcing a special guest. The following morning he was one as fast as he came. He spent night summoned in a minivan with curtains drawn and a warning not to look out the window.`

A senior Arab official who has met with him in the last two weeks said precautions around the Iraqi leader have reached "paranoid" proportions.

He said a letter that he was to have delivered in person to Mr. Saddam was taken by an assistant to be photocopied. Others said Mr. Saddam has long avoided touching envelopes on the chance that they may be poisoned.

The Arab official who saw Mr. Saddam said people immediately around the spilled."

president are "forbidden under pain of death" to disclose his whereabouts, even to his closest associates like Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz or family members. Those who wish to see him are allowed only to convey their requests. Mr. Saddam decides if and where a

meeting may take place. Part of the reason for the caution is reflected in a remark by a senior Saudi intelligence official who insisted on anonymity: "If an American attack guarantees Saddam will be killed, we would be the first to support it. Anything less would be pointless. It would only kill lragis and make him more vengeful."

In other conversations, former Iraqi officials discounted the importance of targets the United States has mentioned. They disagreed with the U.S. assessment that the 60,000 to 75,000 Republican Guards remain the heart of the pres-

ident's power base. 'The Republican Guards are finished since the Gulf War," said a senior Iraqi businessman who lives here and maintains close ties to the Iraqi regime. "They have long been replaced with the Special Guards, put together over the past five years from the clans, tribes and family" of Mr. Saddam.

He added that the Special Guards number more than 10,000 and are entirely devoted to the defense of Mr. Saddam and his family.

Arab officials say Republican Guard units have been dispersed across the country and placed in schools and public buildings, among other places.

Factories, vulnerable to attack, have been dismantled as Iraq strives to protect its industrial base, a lesson learned in the Gulf War, they added.

But the widespread conviction among those interviewed was that the allies would be careful not to hit bridges and factories in order to avoid the impression in tents in the desert, in farms. One night avoid arousing Arab public opinion, I saw him in a trailer to which I was which has objected to any new attacks against Iraq. In a typical comment, Bassem Sakjha,

a columnist for the Amman newspaper Al Dustur, discussing the idea of a U.S. assault on Iraq and its possible connection to the sex scandals in Washington, said: "In Baghdad, Amman, Jerusalem, Riyadh, Doha and Kuwait, people are rushing to store food and fuel. But Americans are rushing to buy beer, popcorn, wine and cheese at the start of the show. The movie is about to begin: Violence, sex and excitement for them. For us, more Arab blood about to be



A UN technical team led by Steffan de Mistura, center, arriving at an airbase west of Baghdad on Sunday.

NATO Candidates Eager to Help on Iraq

By Christine Spolar ashington Post Service

WARSAW — With the exception of Britain, few U.S. allies appear as ready to help in U.S.-led military strikes against Iraq as the three who are waiting to join

he West's main military alliance. Polish government ministers who for years have lobbied for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are openly talking about how many and the Gulf. In the Czech Republic, one newspaper called Iraqi policy a test of

In Hungary, Foreign Minister Laszlo Kovacs returned from Washington and called on Parliament to fall in line - if diplomatic efforts fail — with what the United States wants: to open Hungarian airspace and military airports to U.S. warplanes in the event of military action against Iraq.

Mr. Kovacs and his counterparts from Poland and the Czech Republic were in Washington to seek support in the Senate, which must approve agreements granting them membership in NATO.

'It's a funny situation,' said Ferenc

Gazdag, director of the Institute for Stra- mation about military installations. And tegic and Defense Studies at the Hun-garian Military University. "We're not agents smuggled six U.S. intelligence there each night. yet in NATO, but we have to behave as if we are already in NATO.

"Surely this small country has to do something," Mr. Gazdag added. "It has to prove its capacity. It has to demonstrate its intentions. It has to show - and help explain to its public — that NATO means having rights and obligations."

The three former Communist countries dreds of troops participating in peace efforts in Bosnia — also were allies in the last U.S. battle with Iraq, the 1991 Gulf War. About 270 Czech soldiers, some of the best chemical-detection specialists in the world, patrolled the northern Saudi Arabian desert. Hungary opened its airfields and sent a small medical unit. Poland sailed two hospital ships to the region with hundreds of medical personnel.

Poland, the largest and most eager NATO aspirant in Eastern Europe, also aided the allied war effort through covert operations. Its construction workers, who had worked on many buildings in Iraq, provided the United States with of health problems linked to chemical detailed maps of Baghdad and infor- weapons.

agents smuggled six U.S. intelligence officers out of Iraq in 1990, driving them to Turkey. Deputy Foreign Minister Radek

Sikorski said last week that Poland had 120 to 150 chemical-weapons specialists ready to help if military strikes against Iraq were ordered.

that we can be security providers, not just security consumers

In the Czech Republic, Petr Necas, chairman of the defense committee in the lower house of Parliament, said he expected that the country would again supply personnel with knowledge of chemcal weapons, even though some soldiers from the 1991 war have reported health problems that could have been caused by exposure to chemical weapons.

"I would say there still will be strong support," Mr. Necas said. The Czech government concluded a study last summer in which it found no direct evidence

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fettered access to weapons sites by UN inspectors, Mr. Richardson got no guarantees that China would not vote against the United States or would abstain in Security Council votes on the issue, a U.S. official told reporters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Nevertheless, Mr. Richardson told reporters in Beijing: "I believe this trip has been an investment in future Chinèse actions" in the Security Council. The results of the talks Saturday should be 'closer consultation, better understanding and less criticism," Mr. Richardson

curity adviser, issued a blunt warning that if diplomacy failed, U.S. forces would hit Iraq repeatedly to cripple any residual capacity to rebuild its arsenal of chemical and biological weapons.

We would make that very clear that we will do what we can at this point as far as diminishing his capacity, said on NBC. "But we would make it clear that if we have evidence he is rebuilding, we would act again.'

The United States sent an additional six F-117A Stealth bombers to an unnamed destination near the Gulf as part of its military buildup.

A spokesman for the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico said the radar-evading bombers left the base Sunday.

In London, Defense Minister George Robertson gave a cautious welcome to which facilities U.S. jets will bomb, will the idea of a mediation trip to Iraq by Secretary-General Annan. He told BBC television a trip by the UN chief "may well be a step in the right direction" if it was fully backed by the Security Coun- presidential palaces.

said, meanwhile, that Baghdad was ducing or delaying Iraq's ability to make showing flexibility as Moscow pursued efforts to avoid a military strike.

According to information I have, I believe there is Iraqi flexibility and there but also at sites providing ingredients or are indications of this flexibility," Viktor Gogitidze said at a news conference in Damascus, adding that he believed a visit by Mr. Annan to Baghdad would help defuse the crisis. (Reuters, AFP, AP)

"We can't."

bombing each of the dozens of chemical and biological targets on their lists that are also breweries, food warehouses, Samuel Berger, the U.S. national se- plus sites handling other civilian products. "You have to be very careful you

In any case, U.S. commanders said

lapse, bury and seal bunkers.

known to be grappling with the pos-sibility that Mr. Saddam, predicting place civilians in targets to discourage attack or create martyrs. In the past he has moved prisoners and some families into military compounds and some of his

U.S. weapons inspectors and to degrade Iraq's ability to threaten its neighbors.

EU Fails in Bid to Clear Israeli Blockade on Aid to Palestinians

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - The president of the European Commission, Jacques Santer, returned empty-handed this weekend after failing to persuade the Israeli government to open up economic opportunities for the Palestinians.

The European Union, of which the commission is the executive arm, is considering whether to continue its aid to the Palestinian Authority. The aid, \$1.8 billion since 1994, is intended to

build infrastructure and foment economic development. But because of the Israeli blockade of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Palestinian economy is at a virtual standstill, with falling investment and rising unemployment.

As a result, much of the European aid is swallowed up in the running costs of the authority, including European project, were likewise at a standstill, he paying the wages of public servants. Mr. Santer said the Israeli prime minister, Ben-

jamin Netanyahu, warned him that if the aid is cut, "it will be the Palestinians who suffer, not us."

Mr. Santer said he had told the Israelis that the situation would become explosive unless the Middle allow the Palestinians to increase the number of their East peace process is resumed and the Palestinians are allowed to trade freely with the outside world. He visited the Gaza Strip airport, built at a cost of \$65 million entirely from funds supplied by the EU

'Everything is in place, everything," Mr. Santer said. But he added that the Israelis kept coming up with fresh reasons for keeping the airport closed. To add insult to injury, he said, Israel was making the Palestinians - and, therefore, ultimately the Europeans - pay storage fees for German-supplied electronic equipment destined for the airport.

Israel closed off the Palestinian areas after a spate sidered imposing economic sanctions on Israel.

of suicide bomb attacks, saying it had to safeguard itself by excluding Arab workers.

"They demand more security, but they do not security forces," Mr. Santer said.

He acknowledged that the EU was "totally power-

less" to change Israeli policy, but he added that even the United States had difficulty in influencing Mr. and member states, but never opened because of the Netanyahu. "The more you put pressure on them, the more

they are reconfirmed in their views," Mr. Santer He added that the EU had no means of putting

economic pressure on Tel Aviv, other than to call into a question an operation by which the Israelis take advantage of their bilateral trade agreement with Europe to re-export Brazilian oranges to the EU under their own brands. Otherwise, the EU has a trade surplus with Israel. In any event, Mr. Santer said he had never con-

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grand jury in Washington on Thursday by prosecutors from the office of the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr.

Ms. Erbland's statements, taken together with those of two other confidantes of Ms. Lewinsky's interviewed by investigators, provide Mr. Starr with a growing body of testimony that the president and Ms. Lewinsky had an intimate relationship. Moreover, the testimony by Ms. Lewinsky's friends and colleagues could add pressure on Ms. Lewinsky to

reach an agreement with prosecutors. Mr. Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky have denied under oath, in the sexual-misconduct lawsuit brought by Paula Jones,

that they had a sexual relationship. The White House and prosecutors from Mr. Starr's office declined to discuss Ms. Erbland's statements to in-

vestigators. Reached at her home in Sherman Oaks, California, Ms. Erbland declined

Lewinsky E-Mail Said to Name Clinton Kenneth Starr. Mr. Clinton has vehe- saying that Ms. Lewinsky said Mrs. Currie would leave gifts for the president

WASHINGTON - Monica Lewinsky sent Linda Tripp electronic mail in which the former White House intern supposedly talked about having an affair lie about it. with President Bill Clinton, Newsweek

magazine has reported. In the messages last year, Ms. Lewinsky referred to two neckties that she said she gave Mr. Clinton as gifts and griped that the "Big Creep didn't even try to call me on V-Day," Valentine's Day, the magazine said in its issue going

on sale Monday. But Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer, William Ginsburg, said in a television interview Sunday that he had no knowledge of the e-mail and that he doubted his client was responsible for writing the messages.

Mr. Ginsburg also said Sunday that no date has been set for Ms. Lewinsky to appear before a grand jury. He said that her mother, Marcia Lewis, remains under the care of a doctor following two days of grand jury testimony last week before a team of prosecutors from the retary. Betty Currie, would deliver it to serves as the Treasury's lawyer. office of the Whitewater prosecutor, him. Newsweek quoted other sources as

mently denied allegations, during the investigation by Mr. Starr, that he had an under his desk in the Oval Office of the affair with Ms. Lewinsky and told her to Newsweek said that Ms. Tripp had given Mr. Starr the e-mails and that he

was studying them as "potentially important" evidence. Investigators have also taken the two women's computers for further examination. In one of the four messages that Newsweek said it obtained from sources with access to Ms. Lewinsky's e-mail, the writer hoped that "the creep will call and

say 'Thank you for my love note. I love you. Will you run away with me?" " She was apparently referring to a personal advertisement she placed in The Washington Post last year around Valentine's Day addressed to "Hand-

some," Newsweek said. In a note in March 1997 to Ms. Tripp, Ms. Lewinsky said she had sent a tie to Mr. Clinton and suggested that his sec-

reported that Ms. Lewinsky herself sent them by courier to the White House with the instructions: "Keep these for me. I'll get them back some day. Meanwhile, the Justice and Treasury departments have reached an agreement with Mr. Starr to allow limited grand

jury testimony by a retired Secret Ser-

vice officer who has said he saw Ms.

While media reports have said that

Mrs. Currie recently retrieved gifts that

Mr. Clinton gave Ms. Lewinsky, Time

Lewinsky visit the president in the Oval Under the agreement, Mr. Starr "will ensure that protective techniques and procedures of the Secret Service are not disclosed," according to an announcement by the Treasury Department, which oversees the Secret Service, and the Justice Department, which in effect

(Reuters, AFP, WP)

EDITORIALS/OPINION

Russia and Iraq

Russian officials seem to be having the time of their lives attacking President Bill Clinton's Iraq policy. Russia's defense minister ambushed Defense Secretary William Cohen with a televised critique before their meeting in Moscow on Thursday. President Boris Yeltsin has raised the specter of World War III. A government newspaper has published speculation that the U.S. military wants to attack Iraq in order to try out new weapons.

Mr. Yeltsin and his government of course are entitled to views of their own, but they cannot wage this kind of campaign at no long-term cost to their standing in the world. It is true that Russia's ability to influence events remains small. Its military is demoralized, its government impoverished and its political influence minimal in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. This weakness is offered sometimes as a reassurance (it doesn't matter what they say) and sometimes as an excuse (they're just nostalgic for their days as a great power. yearning to be taken seriously). But Russia remains well-armed enough for this explanation not to be reassuring; and as for being taken seriously, its

behavior is self-defeating.

It also can be argued that Russia's objections to the use of force in Iraq are no different from those of French officials, and yet there is no danger of a U.S. rupture with France. That is true to an extent. In fact, the unwillingness of France, Russia and others to stand firmly against Saddam is in some measure a cause of the current crisis. These nations have a right to argue for diplomacy before force, but they also have a responsibility to support other means if, due to Saddam's intransigence, diplomacy fails.

That is as true for Japan or France as it is for Russia. Yet there is no question but that Russia's current stance is more troubling. This is partly because of its bombast; partly because France has acknowledged that force may eventually have to be considered; and most of all because Americans have no doubt about where France, fundamentally, stands in the world: committed to democracy, to its alliance with likeminded powers, to the West and Westem values. Russia has yet to make such a fundamental choice.

In his years as president, Mr. Yeltsin, at some political cost, has stood mostly with the West when it counted, not with regimes like Saddam Hussein's that aim at instability. If he stays with Iraq in this crisis, he will have taken a major

step in the wrong direction.
Reports of Russian material support for nuclear programs in Iran and chemical and biological weapons development in Iraq heighten American sus-picion. Mr. Yeltsin and his government deny some of these reports and blame others on their inability to control rogue elements within industry and the military. Without evidence of serious efforts to impose controls, such excuses are of limited value.

Russia is different, finally, because it is the object of U.S. generosity. Russians, counting only bilateral programs, like to complain about the miserliness of U.S. aid. But through multilateral debt relief and IMF loans, U.S. taxpayers have forwarded billions of dol-lars to the new Russia. This aid remains, in theory, as much in the U.S. interest as always. Russia's transition from the start was bound to be long and winding, and Russia and the United States are not destined, by history or geography, to be enemies. It makes sense, now as ever, to promote nuclear safety, disarmament, democracy, a free press.

But the fact is that Russia cannot forever have things both ways. Already it has few friends in Congress. If it continues to grandstand on Iraq, it will jeopardize its standing not only with U.S. legislators but with investors as well. In that scenario, Russia emerges the biggest loser.

—THE WASHINGTON POST. The Riady Mystery

In the annals of influence-peddling, two fateful meetings on Sept. 13, 1995, stand out. That morning, James Riady, who runs his family's multibillion-dollar conglomerate in Indonesia, met Donald Fowler, then Democratic Party chairman, to press for the hiring of a former employee, John Huang, as a fund-raiser. That afternoon, Mr. Riady made the same pitch to Bill Clinton at the White House. President Clinton later directed two aides to get the job done. Mr. Huang was hired. He then went on to harvest huge sums of illegal contributions for the Democrats, helping produce the biggest political fundraising scandals in a generation.

His rise and fall, recounted in a report prepared by Senator Fred Thompson's staff of investigators, is a story of a system careering out of control, inviting abuse and possibly jeopardizing national security. The committee's narrative, buried in 1,500 pages of documents, has been summarized in news stories. But it is so full of fascinating details and provocative implications that there is a danger that individual yarns of campaign sleaze will slide by with inadequate attention.

Many of the report's conclusions remain unproved. But it contains important leads that cry out for more investigation and for laws to prevent such corruption from recurring.

As the report points out, Mr. Huang fell into the Clinton orbit as the American representative of the Riady family, which had acquired a bank in Little Rock in the 1980s. He raised money for the Democrats in 1992 and was awarded with a minor appointment in the Commerce Department. From there, he obtained a security clearance and received dozens of classified briefings on China or other sensitive issues of importance to the Riadys. The briefings occurred even though his work in the department had nothing to do with policy matters.

The committee has produced evidence of his continuing faxes, exchanges of packages and other contacts with the Riady organization while he was at the department, often around the time of his intelligence briefings.

All of which happened before the auspicious day in 1995 when the Riady family made its move to get Mr. Huang transferred to the Democratic Party to become even more involved in fundraising. Mr. Clinton appears to have agreed that Mr. Huang would be successful at pulling in money. The report, however, makes clear that people

around Mr. Clinton knew that Mr. Huang had questionable qualifications for his government and political jobs. At Commerce, he was "walled off" from policy issues, and at the Democratic National Committee he was required to submit to a training program to avoid improprieties. The training did little good. Of the \$3.4 million he ended up

raising, nearly half had to be returned. The report alleges that the Riadys have a business relationship with a Chinese government entity involved in intelligence gathering, but Mr. Huang has invoked his Fifth Amendment rights and never answered questions about the possibility of Chinese government spying or political meddling through the Riady businesses. What is known is that the Riadys kept pushing their Clinton friends to place Mr. Huang in strategic locations in the ad-

ministration and the campaign. It is obvious that people who should have been on the lookout for corruption were instead looking the other way. The Democrats were desperate to raise money to match the Republicans, but they allowed the system to break down, inviting exploitation by foreigners and others with interests to advance.

The Thompson committee report is both a reminder of the need for more serious investigation and a warning about an approaching opportunity to change the system before the next cycle. In a few weeks, the Senate will take up the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform legislation. President Clinton and the Democrats are for it. Republican Senate leader Trent Lott is not, raising the prospect that the party that produced this valuable record of campaign abuses will kill the chance to end those abuses.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Dilemma for Beijing

In 1989, Deng Xiaoping saw other Communist regimes collapsing like ninepins and concluded that China's Communists needed to press on with reform, not hold back. Zhu Rongji's dilemma is different. The needs of China's economy are now outgrowing the Communist Party's ability to deliver. The coming, modernizing revolution is thus one the party will seek

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Letting the United States and Britain Go It Alone

MUNICH — The response of Europe's Big Three to America's proposed use of military force in Iraq is "Yes" (Britain), "No" (France) and 'Go to it, we'll be cheering from the sidelines" (Germany).

Why the split? One reason is "Made in the USA." The French have seen the signals coming out of Washington, as have many other Europeans.

It isn't just that Bill Clinton has been weakened by Zippergate. Many can read the subtext of wobbliness that accompanies the steely rhetoric of the 'last remaining superpower.'
There is a feeling that Mr. Clinton

would rather not bomb, that he would be only too happy to see Saddam Hussein step back from the brink. This hesitancy — and Washington's

reluctance to call in its chits - is what allows distinctive national interests to come to the fore. Take the French, and assume that those F-117s and Tomahawk cruise missiles do go into action
— "bunker busters," self-guiding submunitions and all.

The French evidently surmise that there will be an uproar in the streets of Araby, complete with lots of burning of Uncle Sam effigies. And that CNN will diligently broadcast the images of dead children and destroyed shelters all around the world, 24 hours a day.

By Josef Joffe

And if you think in realpolitik terms, there are some nifty French gains to be culled from the aftermath.

First, by standing up to American "imperialism," France, would-be conqueror of Egypt in the 1956 Suez War, would bask in the accolades of the Arab world. Not bad, when you consider that France has always tried to regain a foothold in the Levant — where the United States has called the shots for three decades.

Second, French neutrality with an anti-American edge would pile up a good number of IOUs in Baghdad, and hese will come in handy when the sanctions are either lifted or broken for good. Look for French oil companies like Elf to get the first concessions. Indeed, France's efforts over the years to get the embargo loosened may be directly tied to its quest for a strategic position in the Gulf's oil fields.

Much the same goes for the Russians, whose president, Boris Yeltsin, in a bizarre outburst, has invoked the specter of "World War III" if the United States hits Iraq. In part, this reflects sheer frustration about the exempire's impotence. But there is a dollop of good old realpolitik here, too.

The Russians would dearly like to see an end to Saddam-bashing and the sanctions because they might then be able to collect the billions that Iraq owes them for arms deliveries in the 1980s.

How about the Germans, neatly suspended between France and Britain? There is continuity here, even after re-unification and the end of the Cold War. As in the old days, Germany will not refuse a call from Washington when the chips are down, regardless of French-German friendship and European integration. Nor, presumably, will Italy.

In Germany's case, there may also be a guilty conscience at work, as German firms have always been fingered as key suppliers for Iraq's chemical and biological weapons program.

Just last week, in an interview with the German newsmagazine Spiegel, the former head of Iraqi military intelligence, Wafik Samarai, claimed that his embassy in Bonn was the European purchasing hub for "materials and know-how." Did the German au-thorities know? "They closed both eyes," alleges the defector.

In the end, nobody but perhaps the French will dare cross the United States. Most European allies will simply get out of the way and wish the United States Godspeed. Which isn't necessarily bad.

Napoleon once said "Let me have to fight against coalitions," meaning that the strong do better on their own. Coalitions demand consensus, tending toward the lowest common denominator. as was the case in 1991 when the Arabs (in particular the Saudis) stopped Norman Schwarzkopf from going all the way to Baghdad.

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So Napoleon had a point. If the United States and Britain achieve their goals, if they hit what needs to be destroyed, if Saddam Hussein tucks tail and lets the UN inspectors come back, then all's well that ends well.

The French will have miscalculated. and blustery Boris Yeltsin will have been sobered up. The Arabs in the street will burn American flags, but their masters will be quietly assessing how long Saddam Hussein will need to rebuild his military capability. And the rest of the world, seeing how America has done its dirty work, will count its blessings. Nobody is looking forward to anthrax "Made in Iraq."

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Why Sustained Bombing of Iraq Could Make Things Worse

PARIS — The more one thinks about the U.S. government's stated rationale for bombing Iraq, the less con-

vincing it seems. Is the objective to defeat a dangerous dictatorship? But how does launching smart bombs from afar bring about a democracy? Why would bombing Bagbdad produce a government that respects human rights or a society that obeys the rule of law?

And how many sorties will be necessary to find and kill Saddam Hussein and rouse the population against the regime? I see a different outcome of

sustained bombing: a weakened Iraq even more vulnerable to interference — by neighbors frightened at the prospect of lawlessness in Iraq, or who take advantage of the chaos to extend their influence.

Weapons of mass destruc-tion? At least six Middle Eastern countries have built chemical and/or biological weapons. Israel went nuclear years ago. And seven Middle Eastern nations have been improving their ballistic missiles.

By Ghassan Salame

Hussein is not threatening that country and probably no longer has the means to do so.

The only explanation I can find for American relentlessness against Iraq is frustration with dwindling U.S. credibility in Mideast politics.

Certainly the past few months have been full of setbacks for the United States. It has failed to keep humanitarian concerns about the

health of Iraqi citizens, par-

ticularly children, from spreading among governments and international organizations; failed to prevent the thawing of Iraq's relations with most of its neighbors; failed to prevent the return of European diplomats and businesses to Iran; failed to impose harsher sanctions on Libya; failed to persuade several pro-Western Arab countries to attend a U.S.-sponsored economic conference in Qatar just a month before representatives

from 55 Islamic countries

showed up for a meeting in

Fear for Israel? But Saddam Tehran of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Above all, and largely the cause of the other setbacks, it has failed to move the Arab-Israeli peace process forward. The Clinton administration cannot sustain an aimless war process in the Gulf while it is utterly unable to revive the peace process in the Levant.

The United States needs to reorder its objectives and clearly state that achieving Iraq's disarmament (the original goal of UN Resolution 687, part of the cease-fire that ended the Gulf War) is the only goal at stake here.

At the same time, the United States should halt any attempts to destabilize the Iraqi regime and should seek to ease the UN sanctions, which are punishing the most vulnerable sectors of Iraqi society rather than the regime itself.

Sanctions do not stir a country to rebel against its leaders. They seem to have unified Iragis of all persuasions and galvanized support for the govemment's rejection of the openended nature of the sanctions.

Hence, the United States must pursue other means for disarming Iraq. One model is the talks that ended the 1994 confrontation over North Korea's nuclear program. A permanent monitoring committee in Baghdad, drawn from pro-Western Arab countries, is a possibility that should be explored.

Meanwhile, the UN secretary-general should assume direct supervision over the inspection commission. That would restore credibility to a process tainted by the inspection teams' unbalanced composition and by America's evident use of the UN umbrella to further its own objectives.

To be effective, any disarmament policy has to be regional, because Iraq is rightly thinking about how it could defend itself against neighbors who have substantially increased their military power since the Gulf War. Singling out Iraq for unilateral disarmament in the Middle East is a recipe for disaster.

It would push any Iraqi leader to be obsessed with rearmament, much the way Germany was after the Versailles Treaty that ended World War L

Regional stability is threatened just as much by a too weak Iraq as it is by a too strong one.

Turkish troops continue to make forays across the northern Iraqi border. Iran bombed the camps of Iranian opposition groups based in southern Iraq last September.

Is the Clinton administration ready and able to contain the instability incited by a totally handicapped govern-ment in Baghdad? If it is not, it should prepare itself, because that is where its current policy will inevitably lead.

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For Israel, a 50th Birthday Year of Worry and Division

WASHINGTON — Israel will soon begin a series of 50th anniversary celebrations. Unfortunately, most of the stories regarding this remarkable birthday are about the tremendous infighting among officials and parties over how to celebrate and what meaning to

give to the moment. This birthday dispute is not an isolated phenomenon. Everything you touch with Israel these days seems to lead to polarization. Such polarization happens when people feel a deep uncertainty, even panic,

about the future. It is happening now because in Israel's 50th birthday year there is a certain panic that the frameworks for how Israelis should live with neighbors and how they should live with each other are both coming unglued.

NEW DELHI — In her whirlwind appearances

eral election that starts this

Monday, Italian-born Sonia

Gandhi, widow of Rajiv

Gandhi, has electrified a pre-

viously dull campaign. She has also rejuvenated a moribund

Congress Party, which has ruled for nearly 45 of the 51

years since India gained in-

plunge into the rough and tumble of politics, the party appeared headed for resound-

ing defeat. Its demise would

have been unfortunate, be-

cause the party accommodates

opinions and views ranging from extreme right to left.

That flexibility made it widely

acceptable to diverse cultural

The party, dominated by Rajiv Gandhi and before him

by his mother Indira Gandhi

and her father Jawaharlal

Nehru, India's first prime

minister, was close to parlia-

mentary extinction when Mrs.

Gandhi began her campaign.

So powerful has been her im-

pact that stalwarts of other

parties have been forced to

take notice and redesign their

and ethnic groups.

election strategies.

Before she decided to

dependence from Britain.

across India ahead of the gen

By Thomas L. Friedman

teachers from Jerusalem, the Israeli philosopher David Hartman, director of the Shalom Hartman Institute. "The two key anchors holding Israeli society in place have

come loose." he said 'One was our faith that military strength guarantees survival. But then there was the intifada, the Scuds and the gas masks, and people realized

there is no military solution. 'You need to deal with your neighbors. So we went for Oslo. At first, it seemed to be on the right track. But the longer it went on the less people felt that Arafat and the Arabs were really ready to accept Israelis as a people who had come home.

Sonia Gandhi to the Rescue

By Rajendra Bajpai

ing of foreign extraction, she

should not meddle in Indian

politics. The large crowds at

her election rallies, with wom-

en well represented, show that

this argument has convinced

few people. Like her late hus-

band and mother-in-law, she

has stirred controversy and

shown the ability to put her

opponents on the wrong foot

while staying ahead of them. She has defused allegations

that her husband was a be-

neficiary of kickbacks paid by

manufacturers of Bofors field

guns that India bought in the

1980s. She has skillfully sought to assuage hurt feelings

of Muslims and Sikhs by de-

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molition of a mosque in north-

em India in 1992 and an army

attack in 1984 on the holiest of

ficial position in the Congress

Party, she has emerged as its

supreme leader and margin-

alized the party's president,

Sitamran Kesri. By virtue of

her family name and exposure

to the media, she is instantly

recognized now across the

country. Few other political

Her detractors say that, be- leaders in India can claim such ternational Herald Tribune.

Although she holds no of-

Sikh shrines, in Amritsar.

"And then Bibi Netanyahu came along. He conveyed to the Why? I asked one of my old Palestinians a sense that he servative and Reform rabbis.

wants to impose a solution on them, not to accept their legitimate aspirations.

The result, added Mr. Hartman, is a sense in Israel today that the left's solution of giving back land does not guarantee a change of heart in the Arab world, and that the right's solution — just saying "no" with strength --- does not deliver a

new future, either. When neither the left nor the right can offer any secure resolution, the society becomes paralyzed and polarized.

And then the other anchor came loose. Efforts to find a compromise on who is a Jew collapsed last week, when the Orthodox Chief Rabbinate of Israel rejected a deal that would give some legitimacy to Con-

wide recognition. Nearly half

is where Mrs. Gandhi's appeal

As the widow of a young

leader and daughter-in-law of an assassinated prime minis-ter, she is seen by many as the

victim of political tragedies and the rightful heiress to the

Gandhi legacy.
She has decided not to con-

test the election herself, but

that does not rule out the pos-

sibility that she might fight an

Few analysts believe that she has the ability to lead Con-

gress to outright victory. Her

importance lies in preventing

the disintegration of a 110-

year-old political party that

has played a key centrist role

If the party can win sub-

was expected to get, her

stantially more seats in the

545-member Parliament than

campaign will be regarded as a

major success. The party may

then be in a position to have a

key say in the formation of

what is almost certain to be

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The writer, a former Reu-

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"For years Israelis treated re- have drifted away from obserligion as if there were only two vance and Torah, Israel is the options — Club Med or the ghetto." said Mr. Hartman. Secular Israelis argued that building a Jewish state was enough to provide a Jewish identity. You didn't need synagogue or Torah. They believed religion was for the old country and those who represented it, the ultra-Orthodox.

"For decades this arrangement — the secular nationalists ran the country and the ultra-Orthodox ran religion anchored Judaism in Israel. But it has come unstuck. The ultra-Orthodox gained more power and demanded more say in governing. At the same time, some of the secular decided they wanted more spiritual content to Israel, something between Club Med and religious fundamentalism.

In America, Reform and Conservative Judaism fill that gap, and they would like to do so in Israel. But Orthodox rabbis view Reform and Conservative as diluting Judaism.

Reform and Conservative view themselves as the only way to save Judaism for another

Both sides have a point, and it is critical that they find a way to cooperate. Because at a time when so many American Jews

only vehicle through which their own Jewish identities, and Jewish history, are played out. That is why Israel needs to be a framework that mediates the dialogue among all branches of Judaism. But if Israel's govern-

ment is forced, under pressure from the Orthodox, not to mediate the debate but to declare Orthodoxy the winner and reject Reform and Conservative, then, said Mr. Hartman, "many American Jews will feel exiled from their spiritual home." So what to do? One option is the Netanyahu approach, which is to mirror all these tensions and ambivalences, stew in

them, try to persevere within

them, but never make the hard decisions that might open up new possibilities. Another option, Mr. Hartman said, is to try to really overcome the ambivalences by taking bold initiatives to "create a climate of trust where those caught

up in this polarization might be able to find a way out." Sure, not everyone will be happy with such initiatives. Sure, they entail political risks - but so does a 50th anniversary where the only thing all Israelis have in common is anxiety about the future.

The New York Times.

1898: Bad Diplomacy

PARIS — The Temps says: "None of the newspaper polemics has aroused such feeling in the United States as a confidential letter, wherein a Spanish Minister relieved his feelings, free from the constraint of a diplomatic mask worn while carrying on negotiations which he considered illusory. Uncle Sam now demands of Spain a disavowal of the letter. It seems as though the incident was seized upon as an excellent means of breaking off negotiations with Spain. Otherwise it would be natural to regard this letter as not existing after the immediate withdrawal of the writer.

1923: Extreme Weather

NEW YORK - With gales sweeping both the Atlantic and the Pacific near the American coasts, blizzards raging in all the northern section of the

country and extreme cold even in the South, the entire United States is in the grip of the worst weather of the season, with the possibility of many lives lost and much damage to property both afloat and ashore. In this city there is wind of hurricane force and considerable damage has been done.

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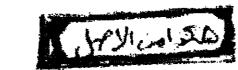
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1948: Arab Resistance

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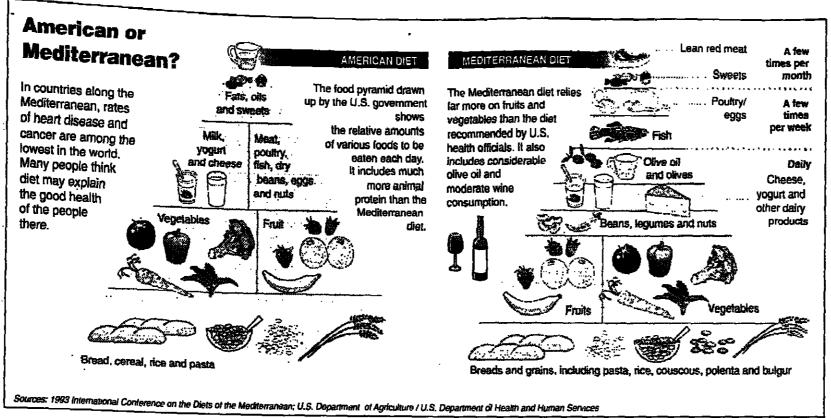
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* A Healthy Heart Lesson From Crete

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK -- Of 12,000 men in seven countries studied in 1960 by Dr. Ancel Keys, those least likely to develop heart disease lived on the Isle of Crete. His co-investigator, Dr. Henry Blackburn, pro-

fessor emeritus at the University of Minnesota, has written that the low-risk Cretan "is a shepherd or small farmer, a beekeeper or fisherman, or a tender of olives or vines," adding: "He walks to work daily. His midday main meal is of eggplant with large mushrooms, crisp vegetables and country bread dipped in olive oil. Once a week there is a bit of lamb. Once a week there is chicken. Twice a week there is fish fresh from the sea.

Other meals are not dishes of legumes seasoned with meats and condiments. The main dish is followed by a tangy salad, then by dates, Turkish sweets, nuts or fresh fruits. A sharp local wine completes the meal."

The near-vegetarian Cretan diet and active lifestyle have undergone significant changes in the past 30 years as the islanders have become more affluent, shifting from farming to business, from cooperation toward competitiveness, achievement and materialism. Cretans now eat less bread, potatoes, fruit and olive oil and more meat, fish and cheese. Dr. Marion Nestle, head of nutrition and food studies at New York University, said, "The classic Mediterranean diet is becoming an endangered species."

Among men in Crete, caloric intake is down but calories expended in physical activity have dropped even further. Cholesterol levels, blood pressure, body

rates from heart disease, though they are still much tation as a heart-healthy oil. In 1996, the American lower than in the United States.

What is the lesson to be learned from Crete, past and present, as well as from all the countries along the Mediterranean, where rates of coronary heart disease and many common cancers are still among the lowest in the Western world? Is the Mediterranean diet, as it is currently being translated for other audiences in popular cookbooks and magazine articles, as healthful as claimed? Should people be drinking lots of wine and dousing their food in olive oil? Must the diet derive less than 30 percent of calories from fat to be a

Throughout this decade, public health experts have been urging Americans to consume a diet that leans heavily on plant-based foods: nine to 11 servings a day of bread and other grain foods and five to nine servings a day of fruits and vegetables. We are as yet nowhere near that, with grains hovering at five servings and fruits and vegetables at three or four servings daily. The American diet is currently topheavy with unhealthy fats, sweets and meats.

Yet the evidence continues to mount that a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains not only helps prevent heart attacks but also many common cancers, including cancers of the lung, breast, ovary, mouth and throat, larynx, stomach, pancreas and bladder. Healthy elderly Greeks consume more than a pound of fruits and vegetables a day.

The healthy Cretan diet of 1960 was not low in fat. More than 35 percent of calories came from fat, primarily olive oil, which consists mostly of monounsaturated fatty acids. Because olive oil lowers blood levels of damaging LDL cholesterol without lowering protective HDL cholesterol, it has acquired a repu-

Heart Association amended its advice on dietary fat to emphasize monounsaturated fats like olive, canola and nut oils (up to 15 percent of daily calories). And two studies in Mediterranean countries have linked olive oil consumption to protection against breast cancer.

But does this mean it can be used indiscriminately? Not if weight control is a problem. Excessive weight raises the risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and hypertension.

However, a growing number of experts now believe that if a person is physically active and can maintain a normal body weight, consuming more than 30 percent of calories from fat should not be harmful if most of the fat is monounsaturated.

F not olive oil, then wine is considered by many to be the elixir of heart health. Numerous studies in various countries have found a reduced risk of heart disease and coronary death among those who consume moderate amounts of wine and other forms of alcohol. Moderate means one or two glasses of wine a day or their equivalent. And if you are going to adopt the Mediterranean approach, that wine should be consumed only with meals.

But does it have to be wine? Dr. Eric B. Rimm and Dr. R. Curtis Ellison of the Harvard School of Public Health point out that wine contains two substances, resveratrol and quercetin, that have heart-protective properties over and above other forms of alcohol.

Although they say that proof is lacking that wine is essential part of the Mediterranean diet, they proposed that "moderate alcohol consumption can be considered a component of a healthy lifestyle -- except for individuals who should not consume alcohol."

Violence in Families: Closer Look at Genes And Rising Divorce

child fathered by another man. stepsister and punishes her so victousty that she dies. A stepfather sexually abuses negligible.

"There's a lot of violence involving the avalance in

articles over last year demonstrate, the terms of poverty, maternal youth and other Cinderella story is hardly a fairy tale. Researchers are finding that the incidence of violence and abuse is vastly greater in stepfamilies than in traditional families in which the children are biologically related to both parents and to one other.

Of course, most stepfamilies do well, despite potential stresses. And plenty of flicts, violence and incest but also guilt families in which all the

children are the progeny of both parents are fraught Sociologists with violence and despair.
But stepfamilies are at focus on issues much higher risk than are like economic traditional families. For example, Dr. Martin Daly and

Dr. Margo Wilson, evolu-

Ontario, found that the rate of infanticide is 60 times as high and sexual abuse is about eight times as high in stepfamilies than it is in biologically related families.

The matter is especially pressing now when rates of divorce and remarriage are at an all-time high.

Traditional sociological explanations focused on issues like economic stress, to offspring of the previous pairing, and low socioeconomic status and emotional instability. But evolutionists say these are only proximate, not ultimate, causes of the difficulties that sometimes arise in stepfamilies. The underlying trigger, the evolutionists believe, lies within our inherently selfish genes, which are biologically driven to perpetuate themselves. Genetically speaking, stepparents have less of an investment in unrelated offspring and may even regard them as detrimental to their chances of passing along their own genes, through their own biological children.

Citing examples among animals — from birds and bees to lions and baboons that share our propensity to live in family groups, the evolutionists maintain more common among stepparents and stepchildren and among children and their half-siblings and stepsiblings because they are less closely related to one another

New York Times Service than are parents and children in a tra-EW YORK — A woman's ditional family. In fact, Dr. Daly and Dr. live-in boyfriend murders her Wilson found that when degree of genetic relatedness is taken into account, the role A woman neglects her young that economic stress plays in problems stepsister and punishes her so viciously common in stepfamilies becomes almost

As these examples drawn from news steprelatives that can't be explained in

commonly cited factors," Dr. Daly said. Dr. Stephen T. Emlen, evolutionary biologist at Cornell University, maintains that a dearth of shared genes is the unconscious force that underlies many of the difficulties encountered in stepfamilies: These problems involve not only con-

> and hurt that can result when stepparents do not form a close bond with their spouses' children, with whom they share no genes.

evolution have selected be-

haviors within families that

Dr. Emlen believes that over the course of several million years, the forces of

foster the perpetuation of the family genes. He asks, for example, whether men are really so different from say, male lions; when taking over a new family, the male will kill any offspring still present from the female's prior matings.

In a paper recently published in the journal Social Science Information, he wrote, "Conflicts are intensified in stepfor abuse and conflict in steptamilies have—families because stepparents are unrelated extant offspring are less related to future young of the new pairing." Dr. Emlen who has spent 20 years studying animal family systems, says this is as true of Homo sapiens as it is of lower animals that live in family groups, including wolves, mongooses, rodents, scrub jays, bee-eaters, wrens, ants, bees, wasps and termites.

> E theorizes that through the process of natural selection, our genes have provided a template for certain behaviors that foster their perpetuation through our

biological offspring.

Sociologists tend to reject such intimations of genetic determinism, citing the fact that humans have minds that can overthat conflicts and incestuous relations are ride genetic forces, and they note the relatively low rates of abuse and other violence in families with adopted children.

Jane E. Brody

The Case of the Shrinking Male Brain

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Times Service

EW YORK --- As people get older, the male brain shrinks faster than the female brain, a study has found.

But whether the greater shrinkage has any effect on how older men think or behave is not known, researchers said. Nor do scientists have an explanation for what makes anyone's brain get smaller, or why women seem to retain more of their brain tissue.

'Our work has generated a good laugh," said Dr. Edward Coffey, chairman of the psychiatry department at the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit and the chief author of the new study. "Women say, 'So? What's new?' Men say. 'Hogwash!' or, as one young man recently commented, 'Bummer!'

But the finding could provide important clues for understanding differences in how people age, Dr. Coffey said in a telephone interview. "What makes one neighbor, who is 75, stay sharp as a tack whereas another neighbor, who is 60, forgets everything?" he asked. By looking at subtle differences in brain structure as men and women age, Dr. Coffey said, it may be possible to discover why some people age better

The study appears in the February issue of The Archives of Neurology The findings buttress previous results from a half-dozen studies showing that there are greater age-related changes in the brains of men than in women, said Dr. Sandra Witelson, an authority on brain anatomy and a professor of psychiatry at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Everyone loses brain mass as he or she ages, Dr. Coffey said. Men just lose

How to explain this apparent paradox? "It may be that men are better able to tolerate brain shrinkage without showing the effects," he said.

BOOKS

I MAY BE SOME TIME:

Ice and the English Imagination By Francis Spufford. 372 pages. \$26.95.

Reviewed by Dennis Drabelle

journeys have I read - but never anything quite like this one. In "I May Be Some Time," the British literary journalist Francis Spufford zips through the facts and feats of polar exploration and lingers on the meaning of it all. In lesser hands, such an endeavor might easily have produced gas and more gas. But Spufford has such an engaging mind, eccentrics, that his book is shot through with crystalline brilliance.

His aim is to explain why, from and south and especially the poles mattered so much to English explorers and the public who avidly followed their progress. Needless to say, there are no simple answers; and, like the heroes themselves, Spufford seems to revel more in trekking than in arriving at an end point. It's a journey that takes him from Cockney rhyming slang to the properties of Vitamin C to the daffy theories of an American cosmologist to the string-pulling prowess of that worldclass armchair explorer Sir Clements Markham (who masterminded Robert Falcon Scott's ill-fated attempt to be first at the South Pole).

don Pym of Nantucket," Melville's "Moby-Dick," and especially Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," which he shrewdly links to its author's life with

the far north tended to play off dashing boarded, then at Lyttleton in New Zea UCH have I traveled in the realms ever willing to exceed the limits of the human body. Perhaps this happened because she was quietly dissenting, in 'Frankenstein,' from a state of mind that was domestically all too familiar to her, in the person of her husband, whose idealisms also brooked no thought of consequences.

in the 1820s and '30s traveled the Ameralong with a sharp eye for Pole-bent ican lecture circuits, propounding quackery about holes at the poles and a hollow earth. Many laughed at him, but has demolished Scott's image as a cahe attracted his share of followers, who roughly 1775 to 1913, the extreme north attributed his spotty reception to official

Despite these American literary cameos - and sporadic references to Robert Peary's quest for the North Pole - Spufford's book centers on the British polar passion. One of his finest set pieces is an explanation of Britons' near-universal condemnation of the Norwegian Roald Amundsen as a poacher for daring to compete with Robert Scott in the race for the South Pole that started in 1910. "Amundsen offended against British

views of sportsmanship," Spufford writes; "he also trespassed against the sense that the Antarctic . . . somehow did not count as abroad, but as a wild annex En route, Spufford dwells on works of of England . . . Scott sailed to Antarctica fiction: Poe's ''Narrative of Arthur Gordown a corridor of Britishness. He went of England . . . Scott sailed to Antarctica to the end of the earth, without ever quitting the scenes that St. James's Park gave onto: He only passed into the remotest one. His ships called at Cape Percy, her Roman candle of a husband. Town to refuel and collect supplies, then Whereas most imaginative writers about at Melbourne where Australian scientists wrote this for The Washington Post.

male exploits in the field against the land for final arrangements and last goodmajestic time-biding of the wives at byes. Nowhere along the route Londonhome, Mary Shelley, Spufford writes, Cape Town-Lyttleton-Ross Island did the 'did something rarer. She damned the expeditions touch any port where English' North Pole by anatomizing the attrac- was not the master tongue, where the tions of emptiness to a particular male coins were not the same size and shape sensibility. Romantic, self-driven, and and denomination in sterling, where the officers were not fed mutton and sherry at dinners given by local notables and the men could not go to the pub."

The ultimate treachery, of course, was that Amundsen got there first. Spufford's riff on Scott's discovery of that frigid fact is masterfully concise: "The mad geometricians were right. Jules Verne was On a less exalted plane sit the notions right. Poe was right. There is something at of the barmy John Cleves Symmes, who the South pole. It is a Norwegian flag."

ORSE, Amundsen survived, and Scott did not. Roland Huntford. pable explorer in a brilliant recounting of the twin expeditions called "Scott and Amundsen." But the gallant Scott failure - reinforced by all those lofty letters and utterances written and recorded by him and his men before they starved and froze to death 11 miles from their next food cache --- has always loomed largerin the popular imagination than the clockwork Amundsen success. Thus, "I May Be Some Time" (these were the last words of a Scott follower who stepped out one day to wander off into merciful: suicide) closes with a speculative recreation of Scott's final, mental soliloquy. It's a bravura piece of writing. ,

'I May Be Some Time'' requires a little patience. It shows evidence of its piecemeal origin in magazines. But bypage 50 Spufford has hit his stride, and if you have any interest in the ethos of extreme travel, you won't want to be left

Dennis Drabelle, a Washington writer,

LANGUAGE

Nuances of Parsing and Misogyny

By William Safire

W ASHINGTON — "This story seems ridiculous," said the president's attorney, Robert Bennett 'and I frankly smell a rat.' This somewhat odious metaphor

was bottomed on the work of the British poet laureate John Skelton, tutor to Henry VIII, who wrote in 1520: "Yf they smell a rati/They grisely chide and chatt." It was picked up, or independently coined, in the next century by the Spanish poet and novelist Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, as he had his Don Quixote say: "I begin to smell a rat." Every major news event brings us

metaphors, usages, and vogue words that have echoes in our linguistic histhat have echoes in our important Metaphors, usages, tory. The controversy swirling around President Bill Clinton's relationship with a young White House intern has churned up its share of these. "I am not going to parse the state-

ment," Press Secretary Mike McCurry insisted when reporters pressed him for the meaning of "improper" in a Clinton disclaimer of having an "improper relationship." He repeated parse twice in avoiding further interpretation, causing reporters to use purse in any subsequent examination of the president's remarks.

This has long been a favorite verb of grammarians. From the Latin pars, 'part," parse means "to break a sentence into its components, to describe each part of speech and then to show how the words and syntax match a given grammar. Suggests or Laim one client as a victim of either an overzealous prosecutor or a president who was "a miscownier and victionis? ("What part of speech?") have used the English word since 1553 (about the time Skelton began smelling (about me time sheller was said to have os is Greek for "hatred," gyne, "wom-"learned almoste foure bookes of Cato to construe, to parse, and to say

wythout booke.

amine too minutely or laboriously."

When reports of the tapes made it appear that the intern had been told to Paula Jones lawsuit, the verb that arose was suborn.

Back to the Latin: sub means "under," or in this sense, "secret." Orn comes from ornare, "to equip," related to a similar verb meaning "to 'Thus, the original meaning of the Latin subornare is "to secretly order," a concept snatched up by lawyers. In 1534, not 14 years after Skelton

and vogue words have echoes in our linguistic history.

smelled a rat, a statute of Henry VIII stated that offenders went to jurors "and have suborned them to aquyte dyvers murderers." Today Black's Law Dictionary defines suborn as "1) to induce (a person) to commit an unlawful or wrongful act, esp. in a secret or underhanded manner. 2) to induce (a person) to commit perjury."

Monica Lewinsky's lawyer, Willi-

am Ginsburg of Los Angeles, depicted

A misogynist is a woman-hater. Misan." This should not be confused with misanthrope, a hater of mankind, now called humankind, which includes both ythout booke.

The extended meaning of parse, as men and women. Ginsburg's choice of

McCurry and his tormenters have been using it, is "to analyze critically," the current British usage, to which is added the American connotation of "to excontempt for a young woman's virtue could be a form of misogyny.

In the former intern Lewinsky's taped telephone conversations with her friend deny an affair in her affidavit in the Linda Tripp, the word shmucko was reportedly used as a kind of sobriquet for what was assumed to be the young woman's highly placed inamorata.

In a previous column, we explored the penile and ornamental origins of the German-Yiddish schmuck, which has lost its taboo and is now a slang synonym for jerk, nerd, dork and creep. "The big creep" was another taped

reference by Lewinsky that caused much wincing and not a few hoo-has. Let's cut the snickering and go directly to the etymology: kreupan was the Old Teutonic source for the intransitive verb defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "to move with the body prone and close to the ground, as a short-legged reptile, an insect, a quadruped moving stealthily."

Things that crawl have been reviled since the temptation of Eve in the Bible. That quality of crawling stealthily is the basis of the slang noun creep. "What a stupid creep!" is a 1926 citation from a J. M. March novel, "Wild Party," in the Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang. Creep was cited a year later as meaning "worthless person" in the lingo used in Sing Sing prison in New York, and is slithering along strongly in today's slang.

I remember the word with a shudder. As a Nixon speechwriter, I suggested the name of the group to organize the 1972 re-election campaign: "The Committee to Re-Elect the President." Senator Bob Dole cheerfully gave it the semi-acronym CREEP, which, after the Watergate break-in, gave that innocent name a connotation of stealth that lives with us today.

New York Times Service

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

ANY of us know this rule: Always cover an honor with an honor. A common group of exceptions to points. this rule arise when dummy leads from a sequence. It is usually wrong to cover until the last sequential card is led. But if the sequence is in the closed hand, it is not visible. But it can often be inferred, as on the diagramed deal from Team Championship in St. Louis in November.

not covering was far from ob- ruffed. South led a diamond forced to ruff a club lead. He

Many modern experts treat and the heart ace was the third monds before hearts would

game-forcing, for which the North hand would not qual-

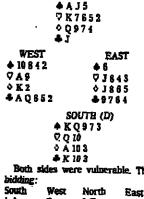
West led a trump, which in dummy, led the club jack reasoned that South would and finessed. West won the not play in this way unless he queen and played a second held the 10, so he ducked. spade, won in the closed hand. Now the moment of from dummy and was able to the North American, Swiss truth was reached when the ruff the club 10. but he was club king was led.

In this case, the reason for with the ace, and dummy to the 10, losing to the king, could and did draw the last North-South used a tradi- and was in full control. West trump but had only nine tional sequence to reach four returned a club, and South tricks. Einberg was sitting spades, starting with a two- won with the 10. He then with the diamond king and a heart response to one spade: drew the two missing trumps, winning club. Starting dia-

In the replay, North responded one no-trump, for- cover was that South had to ify. This method runs the risk cing in the modern style, but score his club trick before it of missing a heart fit when the the final contract was the responder has only about 10 same. The play to the first three tricks was identical, and again South led the club king. was a good start to the de- The West player, Michael fense. South won with the ace Einberg of Los Angeles,

South discarded a heart now unable to keep control. West routinely covered He led a heart to the queen, losing to the ace, and was

the two-heart response as and last trick for the defense. not have helped the declarer. The effect of the refusal to was convenient.



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As Political and Natural Disasters Pile Up, Kenya Struggles to Repair Economy

By James C. McKinley Jr. New York Times Service

NAIROBI - No one has to tell Bernard Mulei that the Kenyan economy is in deep trouble. He hawks tours in the center of Nairobi, and these days tourists are as scarce as the endangered species he entices them to see.

"High season, we used to get five or six tourists a day," he said, as he scanned the busy street for foreigners and found none. "Now you might get one. Some guys go two or three weeks without getting anything."

A month after President Daniel arap Moi won

re-election to a fifth term, his government is facing the monumental task of putting back together an economy shattered by torrential rains, political upheaval, ethnic violence, a steep drop in tourism and the suspension of foreign aid.

Diplomats have taken the opportunity in recent weeks to push Mr. Moi and his allies once again to take a stronger stand against official corruption, suggesting that a resumption of foreign aid and low-interest loans to Kenya might hinge

Some diplomats have also used their leverage to urge the government to do more to stop ethnic clashes in the Rift Valley, which have taken at least 100 lives in the last three weeks. Coming after months of political tension and demonstrations, the violence has scared away investors and tourists, business leaders said.

Although the Dec. 29 election was generally aceful, since then, Mr. Moi's supporters from his Kalenjin ethnic group have clashed re-peatedly in the Rift Valley with Kikuyu people, who by and large supported their kinsman, Mwai Kibaki, the runner-up. Police and local authorities have been slow to respond to attacks on

Kikuyu families, diplomats said.

The United States has been at the forefront in pressuring Mr. Moi to put an end to the violence. Earlier this month, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, President Bill Clinton's special envoy for democracy, visited the region where the killing has been taking place, talked to victims and then met

expecting some "hands-on" leadership from Kenya's economic future. It is usually a guide-Mr. Moi in bringing the clashes under control. He also urged opposition leaders, who have accused provide about \$500 million in aid annually. Mr. Moi of orchestrating the attacks, to "cool down provocative rhetoric.

Mr. Jackson said that Kenya's economic recovery was being crippled by the violence, and he suggested that aid from the United States and support for loans might be jeopardized. There is a debate about who started it," Mr.

Jackson said. "There can be no debate about whose responsibility it is to end it. The govemment must do it.' Mr. Jackson's visit came as Kenyan officials met with a delegation from the International

Monetary Fund for the first time since the Washington-based lending institution suspended a \$205 million low-interest loan to Kenya last July, citing rampant corruption among top officials.

Issues in the talks included several promises Kenya made last August to persuade the fund to

"Kenya's between a rock and a hard place economically," a diplomat said, speaking on the condition of anomyty. "They really need this money. That's the only leverage we have."

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A series of disasters have beset Kenya's economy in the last six months. Heavy rains and floods wiped out roads and bridges, twice cutting the main highway to the port of Mombasa in the

The rains have destroyed crops as well, crippling production of coffee, tea, corn, wheat, beans, rice and sugar. The drop-off has hurt exports and caused local prices to soar.

The deluges have also caused epidemics of malaria and cholera, overburdening a creaking health care system at a time when mirses were on

The political and ethnic turbulence before the December election also hurt this nation of game parks and beach resorts, where tourism is the largest earner of foreign exchange. Kenya's balance of payments was hit hard by a \$280 million restore the loans, including a commitment to decline in tourism receipts because of ethnic proving roads.

political allegiances crupted between Kikuyu and Kalenjin ethnic groups in the Rift Valley, tourists and foreign investors continued to keep their distance. "Foreign investors are not very confortable with the political situation right now," said Lincoln Ndwiga, a Nairobi stockbroker. "They are the big players. If they shy away, so do the local investors."

The new foreign minister, Bonaya Adhi Godana, said: "We definitely need an important infusion of foreign aid. Obviously, we would be glad to have had it not only restored but in-

These problems would have been tough for any government to handle, but there is ample evidence that Kenya's has not been particularly well managed in recent years, diplomats and

foreign economists say.

The country's infrastructure has visibly crumbled in the last five years, despite millions of dollars in loans from the World Bank for im-

Zimbabwe Land Reform On Hold, but Not Over

By Lynne Duke

CENTRAL MASHONALAND, Zimbabwe — Ian Hammond's family has range since his grandfather moved there ish colony of Rhodesia. Because colonial policies put most blacks in communal reserves to free the best land for whites, Mr. Hammond's farm today covers 1,780 hectares, employs more than 200 workers, educates 480 children at the farm school and produces millions of dollars' worth of tobacco.

Farther south, where the soil isn't so rich, Enock Nyakudya farms on the hands of small farmers like Mr. Nyakstate-owned Chiweshe communal area

BRIEFLY

Weekend Toll Put At 32 in Algeria

ALGIERS — Islamic militants trying to overthrow Algeria's secular government killed 32 persons in three attacks during the weekend, the state security service said Sun-

Eleven civilians were killed Saturday in the village of Chegua near M'sila, 250 kilometers (160 miles) southeast of Algiers, the service re-

At Tamesna in Saida, southwest of the capital, a "terrorist group" killed 17 and wounded five Saturday, according to the security service. The dead included several mem-

bers of a volunteer self-defense group that had been provided weapons by the authorities, the statement said. It added that three of the assailants were killed as security services launched a search oper-

In the region of Berrouaghia, 100 kilometers south of the capital, four travelers were killed at a checkpoint set up by the militants, also on Saturday, the statement said. (AFP)

Spy Jailed in U.S. Complains to Israel

JERUSALEM — An American convicted of spying for Israel, Jonathan Pollard, says Israel has not done enough to secure his release from prison.

"I have earnestly hoped and prayed that the Israeli government would act for my immediate release," Mr. Pollard complained in a letter to the Israeli labor minister, Eliyahu Yishai. "But it has not happened." The letter was made public Sunday.

Mr. Pollard was sentenced to life in prison in 1987 for giving Israel secret information he had gathered while working as a U.S. Navy intelligence analyst. He was arrested

Cuba Releases 33 Toward Goal of 300

HAVANA - More than 30 Cuban political prisoners have been released since the government an-nounced last week that it would pardon about 300 inmates following the visit here by Pope John Paul II. according to a leading dissident.

Elizardo Sanchez, who heads a group that monitors political pris-oners, said his organization had confirmation that 33 persons had been freed.

The Vatican and the Cuban Foreign Ministry announced the par-dons Thursday, and the Cuban government said Friday that the total number of people released would be around 300. It was not clear how many of this total would be political

prisoners.
Mr. Sanchez, whose organization is called the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation, compiled a list of the political prisoners released so far. It showed that many of those freed had been serving sentences of more than five years for such offenses as "re-"enemy propa-(Reuters) bellion" and ganda.''

on land that was passed down through his family, too. In colonial days, a Chiweshe chief allotted land to Mr. Nyakudya's father, who parceled it out among his offspring "until the pieces of land farmed the foothills of the Umvukwe came to be very small," he said. Mr. Nyakudya received 4.5 hectares, where in 1939, when this country was the Brit-his corn and paprika earn a few thousand dollars a year. Soon, he will divide the land for his two sons.

This stark imbalance between Zimbabwe's landed white minority and its landless black majority is at the heart of an explosive debate over a government plan to seize many of the nation's most productive commercial farms, such as Mr. Hammond's, and put them in the

Efforts at land redistribution are common in countries emerging from inequitable economic systems, and a domestic and international consensus has existed since the end of white-minority rule in 1980 that the land system would have to be reformed. But after 17 years of slow redistribution through a willing-seller system, President Robert Mugabe, facing a broad political and economic crisis, suddenly sprang into action last

He pledged that his government would seize 1,472 commercial farms, with an estimated total area of at least 4 million hectares, the vast majority of which are owned by whites. He said the government would pay compensation for what is on the land — curing barns, equipment, irrigation systems and the like — but not for the land itself.

Whites make up 2 percent of Zimof the nation's best land. That fact has wealth and thus a vulnerable target for hostile government rhetoric. Now the thetoric seems more real, and white farmers are concerned.

"The problem is: Is there any light at the end of the tunnel?" asked Mr. Hammond, 34, a fourth-generation Zimbabwean whose family farm lies about 150 kilometers (90 miles) north of Harare, the capital. "You just wonder: What are we carrying on for?"

But some analysts say Mr. Mugabe's wholesale land seizure and resettlement plan is not likely to succeed. Zimbabwe doesn't have the resources to pay even the limited compensation being offered, and the international lenders and donors on which the economy is increasingly dependent have dictated terms that probably will produce a far more modest and manageable reform process.

"It's not something that you just do," said Sam Moyo, a land reform expert at the Southern Africa Regional Institute for Policy Studies. "It's politically hard. It's difficult to implement. And yes, at this stage, the government's tactics

Following a dive in investor confidence and turmoil on the stock market, the land-seizure rhetoric has moderated in recent weeks. Mr. Mugabe's government says it will work with the commercial farmers and international lenders.

The International Monetary Fund said last month that it had received government assurances that "public announcement of this program, and its pace of implementation, will be in accordance with the fiscal framework agreed with the IMF mission and the program will safeguard agricultural productivity and the welfare of farm workers."

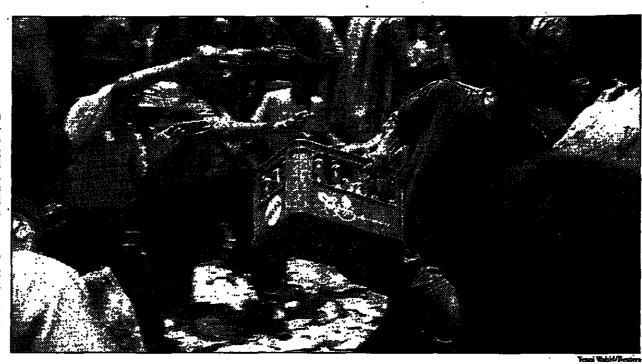
Agriculture, with tobacco the main cash crop, accounts for 44 percent of foreign-exchange earnings, 18 percent of the gross domestic product and 31 percent of employment in this nation of 12 million people.

But Mr. Mugabe's announcement

seemed to suggest that political prom-ises of the liberation era, when land reform was the center of the campaign for black-majority rule and independence, is more important than the economy, said David Hasluck, director of the Commercial Farmers Union.

Also, there is suspicion about Mr. Mugabe's plan because the slow land reform that has taken place since independence has benefited many of his cronies. Mr. Hasluck, for instance, said that the 4,500 commercial farmers who are members of his organization include 15 cabinet ministers. None of their farms

is on the seizure list, he said. In addition, 17 percent of the large commercial farms set for seizure are at least partly black owned, according to Mr. Moyo. The list is also reported to include farms owned by multinational corporations, such as Anglo American Corp., a South African conglomerate.



Looters struggling over a crate of bottled tea stolen from a Chinese-owned shop in Ciasem, Indonesia.

RIOTS: Indonesia Death Toll Reaches 5 Amid Anti-Chinese Tumult

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has warned that it will deal harshly with

Mr. Suharto, Asia's longest-serving leader, has been facing mounting calls to step down as Indonesians increasingly feel the pain of an economic crisis that gripped the country seven months ago. Inflation has soared and the value of the currency, the rupiah, has plunged by 70

"The most terrible thing to me was they wrote something like, 'Jesus is a babwe's population but own 70 percent Pamanukan, breaking into sobs. cents. "What's the relationship between the

connection between Jesus and prices." nation's largest Muslim organization, The man, who asked that neither his the Nahadlatul Ulama, have toured the identity nor his business be identified, is countryside urging Indonesians to eat in hiding with nine family members in Pamanukan. He said his business wasn't damaged because he had paid soldiers to guard his property. Despite the extra security, he has spent two days indoors, smoking cigarettes and worrying about his future. He said he plans to move some valuables to another location but will only do so under the cover of

In the Chinese man's shop, a pot of tea "said an elderly Chinese man in sells for 1,000 rupiah — about 12

alternative meals if they cannot afford rice, rather than rioting.
On Sunday, the leader of another Muslim organization, Amien Raiis, called on Indonesians to avoid using the Chinese as a scapegoat for their economic woes and said it was better

to turn their anger against the government Political and economic turmoil in the

been a thorn in the side of Mr. Mugabe's Chinese and Jesus?'' he asked. "That is munity have tried to appease the in- man in Pamanukan so much. It is that he a writer from Palermo, Sicily, was taken government since independence and has my religion and if it is my God why creasingly angry local population and does not understand it. His family has to a hospital with burns over 90 percent made the white community an enclave of should they insult me? There is no have called for calm. Leaders of the lived in Indonesia for 60 years.

INDONESIA: Suharto Weighs Risks of Clashing With the IMF

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prices for imported staple foods, spread and draw closer to the seat of govern- to win a seventh five-year term as presment in Jakarta, the pressures on Mr. Suharto for a quick-fix curb on inflation are becoming more intense.

Angry Indonesian youths looted, stoned and burned shops in several parts of the main island of Java on Sunday in new riots ignited by soaring food prices, Reuters reported from Cirebon.

Indonesia currently imports all its wheat, one-third of its sugar and soybeans and as much as 10 percent of its rice. The cost of imports has leaped in recent months as the value of the rupiah has

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population of 1.5 million, were reported

to be fleeing the city by bus, train and

Mr. Advani is regarded as the ar-

Mr. Advani, 70, had not yet reached

chitect of policies critics have described

Coimbatore in his plane when the blasts

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turned to New Delhi, where he described

the attacks as an attempt by opponents to

prevent his party from winning its first victory in national elections.

with a final round of voting on March 7,

is expected to be a close contest between

The election, which will conclude

as hostile to India's Muslim minority.

ident in indirect elections next month. But he is then likely to face a further

surge of public anger as cuts in sensitive food and fuel subsidies, mandated by the IMF as part of its ansterity and reform program in exchange for the emergency oans, kick in.

The fall in the value of the rupiah has left most Indonesian companies technically bankrupt, with private foreign debt estimated at more than \$73 billion.

Analysts said that because the IMF had failed to revive the rupiah, Mr. plummeted, taking the U.S. dollar to 8,200 rupiah now from about 2,500 in currency-board plan to stabilize the currency at a level of between 5,000 and Suharto appeared set on adopting the

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debate, with the Hindu nationalists de-

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Bharatiya Janata Party in a bid to attract

of wave of Hindu support for the party

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Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Bharatiya Janata Party's candidate for prime min-

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INDIA: Bombing Spree Disrupts Election Campaign in South

doctrine of Hindu supremacy.

East Asia. Despite increasing social un-rest and calls from some opponents for his inflation and prevent a collapse of the resignation, Mr. Suharto is almost certain country's industry and banking systems.

He said last week that many companies would fail in the current economic conditions and that this would be followed by massive layoffs.

Some critics say that vested interests in Indonesia, including the family and friends of the president, see a pegged rupiah as a way of protecting their business assets. "It's hugely popular with the crowd in charge right now because they have a hope they can hold onto their goodies," Marshall Mays, chief strategist in the Hong Kong office of Nikko Securities, was quoted by Reuters as saying. whereas if they have to give up monopolies, do the right thing and restructure the system, they would suffer,"

intended to "eliminate" Mr. Advani.

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top leadership."
But Sitaram Kesri, the Congress Party

president, said the bombs could have

been organized by a hard-line Hindu

nationalist group, Rashtriya Swayam-sevak Sangh, that is believed by many

Indians to control Mr. Advani's party.

This group has a nationwide network of

supporters, many of them in associated

organizations that have members in se-

nior positions in the police and gov-ernment. "This could be the job of the

RSS," Mr. Kesri said. "They do this to

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By Vera Haller Washington Post Service

ROME - When Alfredo Ormando walked onto St. Peter's Square one morning, poured gasoline over himself and set himself on fire, Italian gay rights activists called it an act of desperation that underscored the intolerance and stress homosexuals feel in Italy's macho society.

The police said they found a suicide note in which Mr. Ormando wrote, "I am taking my life because my family and society have rejected me because I am

The self-immolation last month came a day after another incident that shook the gay community. A Rome man who had served in the Vatican's elite protocol corps was found dead at home, killed by a blow to the head. He was added to a roster of older, well-to-do gay men slain in a similar manner in the Italian capital 20 in the past seven years.

Activists say that while the number of such killings in Rome is alarming, it reflects what is happening all over Italy. The slayings are not the work of one killer but rather what Franco Grillini, executive director of the national gay rights group Arcigay, calls "a societal scrial killer."

'Italy is still a very macho society where homosexuality is not widely accepted," Mr. Grillini said. Intolerance leads to violence, whether self-inflicted or otherwise, he said.

A woman cleaning the fountains in mid-1960s sparked attacks on ethnic deserted St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Chinese and communists that left hunearly Jan. 13 witnessed the self-immoldreds of thousands of people dead. It is anion and notified two police officers, not the violence that bothers the Chinese who ran to the rescue. Mr. Ormando, 39,

"His family never came to see him." said Federico D'Agostino of the Mario Mieli Cultural Center, a nonprofit group in Rome that offers services to HIV and AIDS sufferers and is active in gay rights issues. He said members of his group

stood vigil at the hospital.

Mr. Grillini said he believed Mr. Ormando had chosen St. Peter's Square for his suicide to draw attention to the Roman Catholic Church, which gay activists blame for much of the intolerance of homosexuality in Italy.
The Vatican maintains that sex is mor-

ally acceptable only within heterosexual marriage and that homosexual activity is morally wrong. However, it teaches that abstinent homosexuals should be treated with compassion.

Activists say that what they perceive as society's scorn for homosexuals has forced many people to keep their sexuality a secret, which in turn has created a dangerous environment.

In the cases of the gay killings in Rome, Mr. Grillini said the police believe most of the victims were killed by male prostitutes they had brought to their homes, not wanting to risk being seen at hotels. octrine of Hindu supremacy.

The Coimbatore attacks set off a bitter ded: "Tamil Nadu has become a sanctuary for Islamic activities. The Coimbatore attacks are to the party's president. Mr. Vajpayee added: "Tamil Nadu has become a sanctuary for Islamic activities. The Coimbate, with the Hindu nationalists de-

Mr. D'Agostino said male prostitutes working in Rome are often immigrants from such East European countries as Romania and Albania and are not necbatore blasts provided clear evidence of essarily homosexual. In the most recent case — that of Enrico Sini Luzi, 66 the police quickly arrested and charged a 35-year-old Romanian.

Among the other 20 men killed in similar circumstances were an actor, a journalist, a banker, a television director, a priest, a businessman, a theater critic and a fortune teller. The police have. made arrests in half the case

Tatjana Palermi, Mr. D'Agostino's colleague at the Mieli center, said the group had tried to reach out to the underground gay community to discuss safety issues, but fear of acknowledging their homosexuality kept people away.

CHINESE: Through Visits, U.S. Hopes to Erode Military 'Misperceptions' by Beijing

Military officers say the Chinese Army has "pockets of excellence," such as cruise missile technology. At the same time, its efforts to establish, for example, a deep sea navy appear to be decades away from fruition.

For their part, Chinese officials say that Americans have nurtured damaging misapprehensions about China, especially as a threat to U.S. interests in the Chinese officials have scoffed at ac-

Some Pentagon officials contend that the United States needs to open its arms wider to China's military to dispel their

misperceptions. But others have advised a more cautious approach to what they regard as a potential rival.

The report on Chinese misunderstandings said that the problem has worsened despite unprecedented contact between the two military forces. Not a doctorate from George Washington Unimonth goes by without a group of cusations that China tried to suborn the Chinese officers coming to the United U.S. electoral process by funneling cam- States or their counterparts going to creased contact with China's military paign donations to the Democratic Party. China. But several of the most wor- was not having the desired effect.

military intelligence, has pushed the idea that the United States aims to contain China. He spent a year at the Atlantic Council in Washington.

Chen Xulong, the director of the American studies division of a think tank linked to the Ministry of State Security, has argued that the U.S. containment versity.

As such, the report intimated that in-

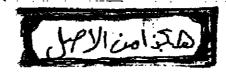
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And Chinese military analysts say it is only natural that they would want China to have more of a say than the United States. Since 1993, for example, and flown over a mile-long formation of and flown over a mile-long formation of States about events in the Asia-Pacific Chen Xiaogong, a senior colonel in Abrams tanks to impress them. Chinese charge of the America desk for China's officers have been flown to an aircraft carrier to underscore the financial and logistical difficulties of embarking on and maintaining a blue water, or deep

U.S. officials say they are more eager than the Chinese to improve the relationship. The Chinese have yet to agree to exchange visits between the strategy will not work. He received his commanders of the U.S. and Chinese strategic forces.

And they have reacted coolly to a U.S. request to conduct joint exercises with Chinese troops to prepare for human



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By Vera Haller

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A "doorbot" welcoming a player to an embarkation lobby in "Starship Titanic," a game by Douglas Adams.

Games Evolve From Shoot-'Em-Ups

Computer and Media Giants Zap Away Over the \$17 Billion Industry

By Richard Covington International Herald Tribune

ANNES -- When Matthew Costello presented his proposed computer-game tie-in to the film "Titanic," the veteran game developer struck his own iceberg. "It's interesting," an unidentified Twentieth-Century Fox Film Corp. executive said of the ex-ploration-based game. "But what do you shoot?'

Thus one of the highestgrossing films in history was released without a high-profile computer game to reap in additional revenue.

Computer games, once almost the exclusive province of pre-teen boys, have evolved into a \$17 billion industry that outstrips Holly-wood's film revenue, according to Datamonitor, a British research firm.

News Corp., British Telecommu-nications PLC, Intel Inc., Microsoft Corp., America On-line Inc. and the game-console manufacturers Sony Corp., Nintendo Co. and Sega Entertainment Inc. are all jockeying for position in this exploding and increasingly competitive market.

Although laser rays remain the weapon of choice, a new generation of sophisticated games aimed at adults is focusing on what you think as much as

vou shoot. "Games are gaining in status to where they are almost on a par with films," said Peter Molyneux, head of Lionhead Studios of Britain and creator of the games "Dungeonkeeper" and "Powermonger."

"Now we have to create games for people who never dreamed of playing

a computer game," he said.
In "The Insider," by the French games designer in Visio SA, the character learns from his mistakes and then can warn the player of risky moves. Developed with a team of cognitive scientists from the Institute for Applied Mathematics in Grenoble, the compactdisk game relies on artificial intelligence to enable the player to teach the James Bond-like character such

things as how to differentiate between authentic paintings and fakes and to gradually build up a personality that seemingly acts of its own volition. Among dozens of games un-

veiled last week at Milia, an international multimedia market here, Douglas Adams launched "Starship Titanic," no relation to the Fox film. Like the science-fiction author's immensely successful book, "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," the trio of CD-ROMs comprising "Starship Titanic" relies on madcap wit as players confront dysfunctional, smart-aleck robots and trade insults with a wildly erratic desk clerk in a ship gone berserk.

"The inspiration for the game arose from a series of unpleasant encounters with airline ticketing persons and is based on the premise that everyone wants a free upgrade in life." Mr. created by Mr. Adams's Digital Village studios in London and to be released in April by Simon & Schuster Interactive, are on the World Wide Web at www.starshiptitanic.com. Like the film industry, the games

ful of titles. According to Jupiter Com-munications LLC, a New York-based research firm specializing in multi-media, the top 20 titles account for 70 percent of the market, It is not uncommon for developers

industry makes profits on only a hand-

to spend \$5 million and two years devising a game that still flops, Mr. With potentially tens of thousands

of players battling one another simultaneously on-line, a new breed of In-ternet-based games is posing a broad challenge to disk-based games. Multiplayer gaming is expected to generate more than \$1.6 billion in revenue by 2002, according to the chairman of Jupiter, Gene DeRose.

With more than 600,000 users, Microsoft's Internet Gaming Zone is currently the largest on-line game service,

according to a recent Jupiter survey. For "Air Warriors," the most popular game by Kesmai Corp., a U.S. subsidiary of News Corp., players typically spend 50 to 90 minutes a session competing with thousands of pluggedin opponents. "The game gets people on-line initially, and the community keeps them there," said John Taylor, president of Kesmai.

On-line games providers rely on a mix of subscription fees and advertising to pay for the service.

"Paying by the hour is not going to ork until the price drops below \$1.50 an hour," Mr. DeRose said. Internet address: CyberScape@iht.com

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Getting Banks to Lend More Carefully Officials Aim to Prevent Short-Term Debt From Causing Another Crisis

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

The Value of the Name of the N PARIS — Why do banks overlend? Why are there no whistle-blowers calling for a lending halt?

What kind of rules can be adopted that encourage the desirable free flow of longterm investment funds across borders but screen out the often destabilizing flights of short-term capital?

These questions are at the top of the international agenda as officials sort through the Asian crisis to find a way to end the frequency of such international upsets. Answers are being sought

by expert committees within the Group of Seven, which really consists of eight leading industrial countries: Britain, Canada, France. Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States.

Likewise, at the Bank for International Settlements home to the world's leading central bankers - the Eurocurrency Standing Committee, made up of the Group of Ten which is really 11 nations, is also looking for solutions. The G-10 does not include Russia, but it encompasses the rest of the G-7 plus Belgium. the Netherlands, Sweden and

Now, still another forum looking into the issues of crisis prevention and management will emerge this week

the Group of 22. This
group includes the eight countries from the Group of Seven plus Australia, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, India, South Korea, Mexico, Poland,

Singapore and South Africa. Also on the list are four countries --- Argentina, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand who, unlike the others, are not

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members of the BIS. Like the G-7 committees, the new group will have not only central bankers but also politicians - Treasury and

Finance Ministry officials who control the public purse. The deputies of these officials will hold their first meeting in Washington on Tuesday. The task of these officials

will be to lay the groundwork

for a ministerial meeting. The desire to hold such a meeting was spelled out by President Bill Clinton in November at the meeting of Asian-Pacific leaders in Vancouver, a U.S. Treasury representative said in Washington. She added that the president had said the meeting of ministers "from key countries" would explore "the implications of the current financial situation in Asia and the ways to deal

with these challenges.' As in the postmortems of earlier crises, there will be a call for better information more timely, more reliable data on international lending

and borrowing. But, although more complete information is always desirable, "it's unrealistic to hope that is a solution: it will not solve everything, warned Alexandre Lamfalussy, former head of the Bank for International Settlements. He noted that data

published by the BIS had fully signaled the worrisome size of the pile of short-term debt that built up in East Asia and said published warnings from the BIS had been ignored. For Mr. Lamfalussy, the

key question is "how to liberalize fully the flow of longterm capital, which is very desirable, without fully liberalizing short-term flows." Charles Wyplosz at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, another proponent of re-

"politically cheap"

solutions that amount to "a bureaucratic papering over' of the fundamental issue.

He argued that apart from Thailand, which had serious financial problems, a crisis that need not have happened engulfed the rest of East Asia and was magnified once the International Monetary Fund became involved

"My main criticism of the IMF strategy," he said, is that it is "based on the crucial point that it does not want to recommend a moratorium' on debt repayments. "Either because it sees itself as an official agency that shouldn't support a strategy that goes against the law," Mr. Wyplosz said, "or because it fears it would be exposed to suit from creditors, the IMF always insists that every debt be repaid." In Mr. Wyplosz's view, this requirement not only worsened the Asian crisis but also contributes to the reasons that banks overlend.

Although banks, he said, charge a premium to lend to risky debtors, this premium is not enough either to cover the real risk of default or to dissuade the debtor from borrowing. Instead, he said, the premium simply increases the attraction of lending to risky clients.

"As a result," one international official said, "we get banks doing excessively risky business.

"The sooner we get banks to accurately charge for the risk," he said, "and the sooner governments get out of the business of implicitly or explicitly guaranteeing the banks, the better off we will all be." He added that this inevitably would involve a redesigning of the unofficial safety net that currently prevents large internationally ac-

tive banks from ever failing. He summed up by asking, straining short-term capital "If you do something silly, do you have to pay for it? If flows, said that the inevitable calls for more data, more reyou have a system that says 'no,' people will do a lot of porting and more disclosure things that are silly."

East Asia Chafes Under Bailouts

Seoul Clears Layoff Bill, IMF Threatens Jakarta But Market Jitters Rise

Agence France-Presse

SEOUL - Parliament passed a bill Sunday allowing companies in economic distress to make large-scale job cuts, but, with markets rattled by fears of a new currency crisis, the police reported another suicide by a dismissed worker.

Meanwhile, about 2,000 metal-union workers demonstrated in Seoul and chanted "No layoffs!" in voicing their

anger at the passage of the laws.

The police said Lee Sung Jin, who lost his job at a refrigerator-parts factory in December, hanged himself in the western port city of Inchon. It was the second labor-related suicide in three days. A Daewoo Heavy Industries Co. worker burned himself to death Friday after the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions bowed to public criticism and called off a planned strike against layoffs.

In a session late Saturday that spilled over into the early hours of Sunday, the National Assembly passed a landmark bill allowing mass dismissals of workers in cases of corporate restructurings such as mergers and acquisitions.

Other bills passed covered bankruptcies and corporate liquidations and authorized hostile takeovers of local firms by foreigners. All were aimed at speeding industrial and fi-

nancial reform efforts amid the current economic crisis. The economic bills were hailed as clearing the way for the government to pressure the country's giant family-run conglomerates, known as chaebol, to speed their own reform moves. Analysts said the layoff bill would improve market sentiment and gradually attract fresh foreign funds. But they did not rule out the possibility of labor strife crupting in the process of corporate restructuring.

The bill deprived South Koreans of a previous practice of lifetime employment, and the members of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, which claims 600,000 members, have warned that they will take "more powerful" action unless conglomerates share the pain of economic restructuring.

Markets were expected to be shaky this week on worries that South Korea may face yet another severe foreign-exchange shortfall in March.

South Korean banks agreed last week to roll over about 30 trillion won (\$18.4 billion) of commercial paper issued by corporations to ease their liquidity and material shortages. But the move failed to stop the Seoul stock market from falling. The benchmark composite stock index closed 22.08 points lower Saturday at 484.12, with foreigners retreating amid concern that liquidity would worsen in March because of the

maturing commercial paper. "Prospects of tightening of liquidity and the concerns over the stability of the forex market kept sentiment sluggish," a

Seoul Securities analyst said. A successful debt-restructuring accord in New York last month helped South Korea roll over commercial bank loans, bolstering its debt position. But the accord did not cover heavy overseas borrowing by domestic companies, which will see the maturing of short-term foreign loans in late February and early March.

Over Currency Board

By Paul Blustein

WASHINGTON - The head of the International Monetary Fund has written a private letter to President Suharto of Indonesia threatening to cut off the fund's loan package because of a dispute over economic policy, raising the prospect that the international effort to stem Asia's financial crisis

could come unglued.
President Bill Clinton called Mr. Suharto late Friday to reinforce the IMF position, administration officials said.

The confrontation between the president and his country's would-be rescuers came as Indonesia's crisis worsened across both economic and political lines. The rupiah, which had beenclimbing, plunged against the dollar, while the country suffered one of the worst outbreaks of violence since the onset of its economic troubles.

The letter from the IMF's managing director, Michel, Camdessus, which was dated Wednesday and obtained by The Washington Post, came in response to evidence that Mr. Suharto is planning to change Indonesia's monetary system-radically, adopting a Hong Kong-style "currency board" in which the value of the rupiah would be fixed against the dollar and the Indonesian authorities essentially would abandon

The IMF, backed by the U.S. Treasury and economic officials in other major countries, maintains that Indonesia is at present incapable of credibly sustaining such a fixed

Mr. Camdessus wrote that if Jakarta made the move anytime soon, he would urge the board of the 182-nation organization to suspend its \$43 billion package for Indonesia. "In the present circumstances," Mr. Camdessus wrote, if "a currency board proposal were adopted, we would not be able to

recommend to the IMF board the continuation of the present program because of the risks to the Indonesian economy. This would be a very unfortunate development, as it would shrink even further the reserve basis for the currency board and further undermine its very slim chances of suc-

cess." he said. Mr. Camdessus said the fund might favor a currency board for Indonesia once the necessary conditions are met.

The currency issue threatens to plunge Indonesia — and possibly its neighbors as well — into a renewed bout of

financial turmoil, analysts said. The stock markets and currencies of Indonesia and several other ailing Asian countries, including South Korea, Thailand and Malaysia, have recovered some of their losses in recent weeks. The growing sense of stability raised hope in financial and official circles that the worst of the region's financial problems might have passed after the commitment of more than \$100 billion in loans from the IMF, World Bank and

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wealthy nations to the region.

Setback for Bank Mergers in Malaysia

Firms Back Out of Planned Deal as Government Ratchets Up Pressure

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysia's push for bank mergers has suffered a setback following an announcement by two large financial groups that their attempt to join forces had failed, but analysts said there was still hope the drive could succeed.

Analysts said the failure of the proposed merger between Commerce Asset-Holdings Bhd. and Rashid Hussain Bhd. would not discourage others from seeking partners before the March 31 deadline for mergers of financial institutions.

"It's a bit of a setback, but it should not affect ongoing talks or discourage other banks from starting negotiations," said Phua Lee Kerk of Jupiter Securities.

But Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad has told banks to merge or risk being taken over by foreigners, the New Sunday Times reported Sunday. He said banks that face a deadlock in

their merger negotiations should seek arbitration. Mr. Mahathir said that because of the

ringgit's depreciation, foreigners now hold an advantage because they could buy shares of local banks at a cheaper

"Today, the shares of banks have fallen and people can buy," the paper quoted Mr. Mahathir as saying. Some banks, he added, were "effectively foreign-owned." Mr. Mahathir did not

Commerce Asset said late Friday that

the talks had failed, one week after the one other banking merger plan has been two companies announced they were in talks to merge their banking arms -RHB Bank Bhd. and Bank of Commerce (M) Bhd.

Commerce Asset said the merger plans were dropped because they were not meeting "the primary objectives of maximizing value for Commerce Asset shareholders" and ensuring the success of the planned merged bank.

But Rashid Hussain disagreed, saying Saturday that Commerce Asset had backed out of the merger plan after agreeing on the outlines of the deal.

'We have negotiated a deal with Commerce Asset that takes into consideration the agreed parameters and which will result in enhanced shareholder value," it said, adding that the merger would have created Malaysia's second largest bank with 62 billion ringgit (\$15.88 billion) in assets.

Analysts said disagreements over price and control might have been key issues in the breakdown of talks.

"The key issues in merger talks are valuation and management. It's a difficult task," said an analyst with a foreign brokerage.

The government, worried that an economic slowdown and international competition would prompt a banking crisis, has told banks and finance companies to come up with merger plans by the end of March.

But the pace has been slow, and besides the Rashid-Commerce talks, only announced.

■ IMF Sees Bank Role in Crisis

Asian and international banks probably played a leading role in stoking the currency crisis that has plagued Southeast Asia for the past seven months, according to a study by the International Monetary Fund, Bloomberg News reported from Denpasar, Indonesia.

Hedge funds - which exploit inconsistencies in financial markets, such as a currency seen as overvalued were previously thought to be behind the decline of several Asian currencies in the second half of 1997.

The "facts point to the likelihood that other institutional investors, and not merely hedge funds, were major participants in the 1997 crisis," said Zamani Abdul Ghani, the IMF's executive director for Southeast Asia, at a meeting of Southeast Asian central bankers.

As Asian currencies tumbled last year, hedge funds became the focus of intense criticism from Asian leaders. Mr. Mahathir singled out the financier George Soros as a culprit behind the Malaysian ringgit's 35 percent decline last year against the U.S. dollar.

The IMF says the results of a study on the role of hedge funds in the Asian crisis suggests that institutional investors, including investment banks and domestic banks, may have acted as market leaders.

Showdown Over Global Investment Parity Pact

France and U.S. Face Off as Deadline Looms for 'Constitution of a Single Global Economy'

PARIS - France and the United States are squaring up for a trade clash this week as three-year negotiations on a new global investment pact enter their final round at the Or-

ganization for Economic Cooperation and Development in The accord aims for a more level playing field in global business by assuring equal treatment for domestic and foreign

investors in any signatory country. . Barely known beyond a small circle of trade specialists, the multilateral agreement on investment has been called "the constitution of a single global economy.

But, as the talks near their April deadline, France has pledged to stay on the sidelines if the accord does not exclude such cultural products as books, films and television program

from worldwide competition. "There will not be any deal if the 'cultural exception' principle is put into doubt." Prime Minister Lionel Jospin

said over the weekend. Washington has also threatened not to sign the agreement because, as Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky put it. This agreement at this stage is simply not good enough."

Envoys from the 29 members of the grouping of wealthy nations, along with five nonmembers, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Hong Kong and the Slovak Republic, will meet in Paris on Monday and Tuesday to try to overcome these and other hurdles and pave the way for agreement at an annual organization ministerial meeting April 27-28.

The hurdles are high. France led the battle for the "cultural exception" in the 1986-1993 Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Canada and Australia, both worried that their local film industries could be steamrollered by Hollywood, have also spoken out in favor of a "cultural

Oftawa has gone even further, saying it will sign no pact that does not leave Canada final authority on any rules concerning its health, welfare, educational and aboriginal policies.

The negotiators also face tough talks over national environmental protection laws. Ecology groups say an accord would undermine such laws by allowing foreign companies to sue governments if they felt discriminated against. France also threatens to reject any accord if it allows ex-

traterritorial legislation, such as the U.S. Helms-Burton Act,

which seeks to block non-U.S. companies from investing in

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In Booming Bond Markets, Long-Term Rates in Europe Slip to Record Lows

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS - Conditions in bond markets continue to boom, with long-term rates in Europe falling to record lows. The yield on benchmark 10-year Ger-

man government bonds ended the week at 4.98 percent, breaking the 5 percent barrier and setting analysts alight with questions such as how low is low and where is the bottom likely to be.

"We see a breakdown of all the valuation models for where yields should be," said Jan Loeys at J.P. Morgan in London. Noting that those models were based on a period when both fiscal and monetary policies were unreliable and suspect, Mr. Loeys said that the current commitment to fiscal control and long-term price stability in all major financial centers was erasing the risk premium that had been built into the old valuation models.

"As we don't know exactly how big the risk premium actually is," he said, 'it's difficult to say where the bottom could be. For now, there is nothing to stop

the market from reaching 4.75 percent. He cited two technical factors giving the market strong support. Short-term interest rates in Germany and in major European countries closely linked to it are around 3.5 percent, giving a com-fortable margin for "curve-trade" players who finance themselves by borrowing three-month money and pocketing as profit the difference between interest income and interest expense.

In the U.S. market, by contrast, the overnight cost of money at 5.5 percent makes it much less attractive to borrow to invest, since only 30-year paper yields more, and even there, the current gain up of only about 34 basis points, or hundredths of a percentage point, is barely

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kets, Mr. Loeys said, is the bullishness of investors who have been buyers all through the rally and are sitting on large

"Investors are not only long," or holding large positions, he said. "They are comfortable.

And although a nominal yield below 5 percent may give investors a shock, the fact remains that "real," or after-inflation, yield is still a hefty 3.6 percent because inflation continues to fall faster than bond yields. In Germany, consumer prices in January rose at a 1.3 percent annual rate, the lowest since unification

Yields on U.S. 10-year bonds, at 5.48 percent, remain some distance from the modern low of 5.25 percent set in 1993, but analysts are impressed with how well the market has performed in the face of massive selling by Japanese investors.

The second factor supporting mar-ets, Mr. Loeys said, is the bullishness of investors were net sellers of \$14 billion etary union next year. This was demonof bonds in December.

According to Deutsche Morgan Gren-fell, it is "unlikely" that this selling trend would have been reversed since then, given that the pressures on Japan's financial system have persisted and that the repatriation of funds "traditionally

accelerates" in the period approaching the end of Japan's fiscal year March 31. While the dollar has traditionally been the largest and most liquid sector of the international market, investors were given a taste last week of just what a force the European market will be when the

NEW YORK -- Some investors are

viewing the strong response last week to sales of \$35 billion of new U.S.

Treasury securities as evidence that the

world's largest bond market is poised

deficit will result in fewer such gov-

ernment debt auctions are adding to

bond investors' enthusiasm, as are low

Expectations that a declining budget

for another good year.

strated by Italy's tapping the market with a 10-year bond denominated in euros, the planned common carrency.

The size of the issue was 4 billion euros (\$4.33 billion, based on the current conversion rate for European Currency Units, which will become euros when monetary union begins), the largest fixed-rate bond ever issued. Moreover, it was marketed as a Eurobond. Until now. it had been assumed that such a jumbo issue would have to be marketed as a global bond, available for sale in the

Response to Treasury Sale Feeds Bulls

You've got to be real optimistic

for the Strategic Fixed-Income fund. "I can still see yields falling to 5.50

Slower growth in Asia is weakening

demand for U.S. exports, further eas-

about the shrinking supply of govern-ment debt," said David Jallits, a man-

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percent by the end of the first half."

percent, down from 5.91 percent the inflation news is what is holding the week before, as prices rose modestly. inflation news is what is holding the market together," said Scott Grannis, a

The Italian government intends to issue 10-year domestic bonds in May that will have identical terms, and the two issues are to be consolidated into one when the lira is replaced by the euro next year. The combined issue, anticipated at some 7 billion euros, will become the

Italian benchmark. Priced to yield 17 basis points over comparably dated French government Ecu bonds, the Italian issue was largely sold to French institutional investors attracted by the gain in yield. At the end of the week, the paper was trading only slightly lower, at a spread of 16.5 basis

manager at Western Asser Manage-

ment in Pasadena, California.

With the U.S. government expected

to post a budget surplus in fiscal 1999— its first in 30 years— the Treasury is

likely to borrow less in the years ahead.

Tumbling European bond yields also have spurred demand for U.S. debt,

which still offers some of the highest

yields among major industrial nations. Yields on U.S. 10-year notes surpass

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The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Feb. 16-20 A schedule of this week's economic and financial events, compiled for the International Herald Tribune by Bloomberg Business Net

Monday

Tuesday

Feb. 17

Expected Manila: Capital Markets Develop-This Week ment Project holds seminar on derivatives. Tuesday to Thursday. Sydney: New Zealand Prime Minister Jenny Shipley visits Sydney.

Thursday and Friday

Hong Kong: Unemployment figures for January

Tokyo: Tokyo Shoko Research and Teikoku Data Bank release figures on bankruptcies for January.

Tokyo: Finance Ministry opens bidding for three-month government

Wellington: New Zealand retail sales in the fourth quarter. Earnings expected: Hoyts Cinemas Ltd., Perpetual Trustees.

Wednesday Tokyo: Bank of Japan releases money-supply data for January and banks for late December. Earnings expected: Fletcher Challenge Ltd., Natural Gas Corp., Sky Network Television Ltd.

Tokyo: Ministry of Finance releases Wellington: Unemployment figures. Earnings expected: Qantas Airways Ltd., Sky City Ltd., Telecom

Wellington: Preliminary figures for housing permits in January. Earnings expected: Nuplex Industries Ltd., St. Lukes Group Ltd.

Brussels: European Union agriculture ministers' meeting. Monday Warsaw: Polish Government Con-

ference. Speakers include President Aleksander Kwasniewski and Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek. Tuesday to Thursday

Kiev: State Statistics Committee re-Mexico City: Finance Ministry releases 1997 data on foreign trade leases fourth-quarter gross domestic product data. Warsaw: January inflation figures. Earnings expected: Eurotunnel SA, Earnings expected: Boston Chick en Inc., Loblaw Cos. Hagemeyer NV, Metallgesellschaft Handel & Beteiligungen AG.

Madrid: National Statistics Institute releases December retail sales fig-Prague: Final December industrial

Stockholm: December retail sales. Madrid: National Statistics Institute releases fourth-quarter unemploy-

Vienna: Central Statistics Office's monthly consumer price report.

Frankfurt: Bundesbank's 17-member policy council meets to set in-Paris: Insee releases January corporate investment survey.

Prague: January foreign trade fig-Vilnius: Lithuanian Department of Statistics releases December for-

eign trade figures.

Mexico City: Banco de Mexico releases foreign reserves tigures and Mexico's statistical institute releases the January unemployment rate. Washington: Labor Department releases January producer price in-

Mexico City: Finance Ministry re-

leases December industrial output figures. Washington: Federal Reserve re-

ports industrial production for Jan-

Naples, Florida: Consumer Analyst

Group of New York holds annual

Washington: Energy Institute pre-sents "New Tax Policies and Your

Bottom Line" meeting. Thursday

convention. Tuesday to Friday.

Ottawa: Statistics Canada releases December merchandise trade fig-Washington: Commerce Department reports trade balance for De-

Mexico City: December retail and Washington: Federal Reserve System's weekly report on commercial and industrial loans Earnings expected: Ovid Technol-

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J.P. Morgan Countersues **Korean Firms**

SEOUL - J.P. Morgan & Co. has sued two South Korean financial in-stitutions in New York for \$300 million in a legal dispute over losses on Asian currency derivatives, according to executives of the Korean companies.

Its move came after one of the South Korean concerns, SK Securities Co., sued the U.S. investment bank last week for \$62 million and asked a Seoul court to block a \$160 million payment to the U.S. bank. The dispute may put South Korea and Wall Street on a collision course over another element in Asia's economic and currency crisis: losses on the risky investments known as derivative securities, whose value is based on

the value of something else. Foreign bankers in South Korea said the dispute had raised concern that companies and courts here would not honor derivative currency contracts entered into before Asian currencies tumbled.

J.P. Morgan demands that Housing & Commercial Bank — which guaranteed Morgan's \$50.5 million loan to SK Secutities in a "total return currency swap" last year — pay the \$50.5 million. It is also asking SK Securities to pay for the losses incurred in the transaction after the South Korean currency tumbled, according to people familiar with the situation,

Officials of Housing Bank, Korea's most profitable bank, said it was willing to make the loan payment because it had secured enough collateral from SK Securities, though it objected to paying for the loss incurred in the currency-swap transaction, as that contract was between the South Korean brokerage and J.P. Morgan.

J.P. Morgan said the currency-swap transactions were fair and binding, but SK has argued that Morgan "didn't do enough" to avoid the losses.

Some bankers are concerned that the court cases may lead to South Korea backtracking on promises to liberalize its economy and financial markets in exchange for \$60 billion in emergency credit arranged by the International Monetary Fund. A lawyer in Seoul has said he is working on a number of similar cases.

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On East Asia, T'm Still Very Optimistic'

foreign investors have a major stake in East Asia. In Singapore, on a visit to the region, Gary Tooker, chairman of the U.S.-based telecommunications giant Motorola Corp, and of the Pacific Basin Economic Council, an association representing more than 1,100 companies in 20 countries around the Pacific, discussed the busi-ness outlook with Michael Richardson

of the International Herald Tribune. Q: How long will it take East Asian countries to recover from the financial rurmoil and economic slowdown, including those hit hardest: Indonesia, South Korea and Thailand?

A: A lot will depend on the leaders' ability to move forward in line with reforms recommended by the International Monetary Fund. Obviously the situation in Indonesia is difficult. For all of us, the next year or so will be somewhat tougher than we had hoped. But I am still very optimistic about the intermediate and longer-term outlook for East Asia because the basics for economic growth are still in place, including the propensity of Asian people to save and their industriousness and creativity. There is an ex-cellent work ethic in Asia.

I think it is important to work together in an optimistic way. If everybody gets pessimistic and people start

Multinational companies and other Q&A/Gary Tooker, Motorola Chairman

a tendency to feed on themselves. support our people in every country, Forty percent of the world's population lives in Asia, and countries of the region have become outstanding trading partners for many of us.

Q: Some government leaders in Malaysia and Indonesia are blaming their economic problems on currency traders and outside forces rather than weaknesses in government policies and banking systems. Doesn't that send a bad signal to foreign investors?

A: It's inappropriate for me to comment directly on that. The leaders I have talked to understand, and are realistic about, the issues. At the same time, the speed at which money can be transferred from one place to another in today's economy is an issue that we all need to think about and look at.

Q: Do you see promising opportunities in East Asia now for foreign investors in manufacturing and service

A: Motorola is still very confident of the opportunities throughout Asia. We have been investing in Asia for over 30 years. We don't invest anywhere anymore for cheap labor. We are doing research and development work over here as well as product development pulling out of Asia because of the and manufacturing research. We put in

Q: Motorola has manufacturing plants and other operations in China, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Philippines and South Korea. Are you planning to expand operations in the region in anticipation of economic recovery?

and we'll continue to do that.

A: In some areas, our investments will increase in 1998 over what they have been in the past couple of years. In other areas, if the market is slower, we may delay a particular expansion program, so we may moderate some of our planned investments. But we will not pull back. We certainly aren't going to change our business development strategy, although we may adjust some of our tactics.

Q: East Asian countries hope to export their way out of trouble. Is there a risk that rising protectionism in the United States will close off that opportunity in their largest market?

A: Businesses and people in other countries have to recognize that the United States cannot be the only importer for the world. Japan needs to open its market more widely to imports. Japan and Europe too have a vested interest in stepping forward to see how we can all help the region in this somewhat critical time by creating short-term problems, then things have automated equipment and training to a more balanced market for its goods.

SHORT COVER

Tokyo to Raise Tariffs

TOKYO (Reuters) - The government will end a system of import-duty breaks on 122 items from South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore. Hong Kong and New Caledonia in April because of the increasing competitiveness of the products. a Japanese newspaper said Sunday.

The government originally offered the reduced duties on the products to help Japan's neighbors develop their ex-port markets, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun reported, citing government sources.

Under the new system, the duty on items such as steel products will rise from zero currently to 3 percent, the newspaper said. The government said the countries no long needed special export support because they were classified as high-income nations by the World Bank, the paper reported.

Secret' Engine Inquiry

BURBANK, California (Bloomberg) - BAT International Inc. said the Securities and Exchange Commission had ordered it to turn over all documents relating to its secret automobile engine after the company's shares rose as much as fortyfold this year.

The company's president, Joseph LaStella, said Saturday that he would go to jail rather than reveal details about the so-called pulse-charge engine, which he says can get gasoline mileage of more than 100 miles to the gallon. The SEC

subpoena, which was provided by the company.

Mr. LaStella has said he expects to license the engine technology to automakers for billions of dollars, though automakers have said they are not impressed. Investors have gotten most of their information on the company through Internet postings. Shares of BAT, which is not related to BAT Industries PLC of Britain, trade on the Nasdaq OTC-Bulletin Board, which has no listing requirements. The stock closed at 74 cents a share Friday, up from 8 cents Dec. 31.

 Vietnam News Agency said almost 20 percent of all foreign projects in the country had failed and that licenses had been revoked on 336 projects valued at a total of \$2.8 billion in the past 10 years. Revoked licenses accounted for 17 percent of the total number of investment projects and 8 percent of total pledged foreign capital, the official agency said. A government official said most failures had been caused by an inability of foreign companies to meet commitments. especially financial ones, or a lack of knowledge or understanding between foreign and domestic partners.

• China's exports rose 8.8 percent in January, to \$12.68 billion, but their growth was well below the 20.9 percent rise for all of 1997. Exports to the rest of Asia fell 1.4 percent. Economists said Sunday that the figures showed that demanded to receive the documents by Asia's financial crisis was taking a toll Wednesday, according to a copy of the on China's competitiveness. (Reuters)

Beijing Says a Rate Cut Is Likely

BEUING -- China is likely to reduce interest rates this year to raise the competitiveness of Chinese companies, an official newspaper quoted a senior government economist as saying Sunday.

China's exports face tough competition from Southeast Asian countries whose currencies have fallen in value making their products and services cheaper - because of the financial crisis battering the region.

Lower interest rates would help struggling state enterprises, the China Business Weekly quoted Xu Lianzhong of the State Information Center as saying. China last cut interest rates in October. In a related report, the China Business Weekly said China was planning to crack mostly occurs between individuals." down on black markets for foreign cur-

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IMF: Chief Threatens Halt to Indonesia Aid Over Currency Board

said in an advance copy of its Monday ported.

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rency that have sprung up because of a rising demand for U.S. dollars and fears that China's currency also will be devalued despite official pledges that the value of the yuan will not be cut.

The report, quoting officials of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, said "specific measures" would soon be "worked out and implemented" against "speculation rings, counterfeiters and illegal sales of foreign currencies by companies." The Business Weekly said the chief task was to restore local confidence in China's currency, the yuan.

"The crackdown will not be all-embracing," it said, "since black markets are transient by nature and trading

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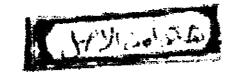
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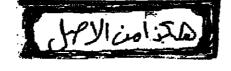
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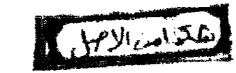
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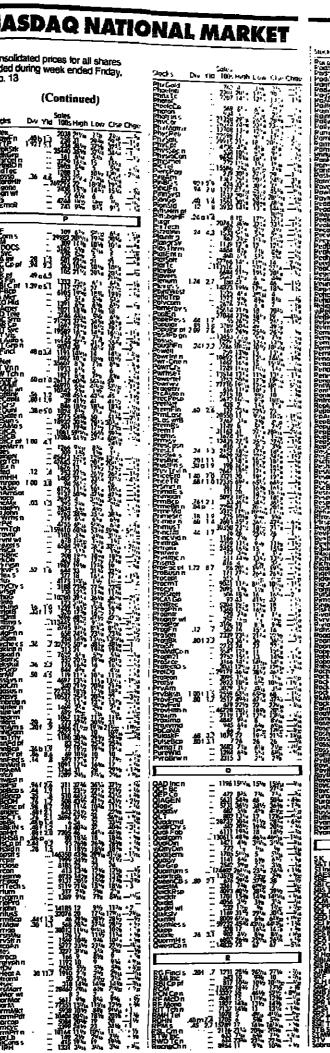
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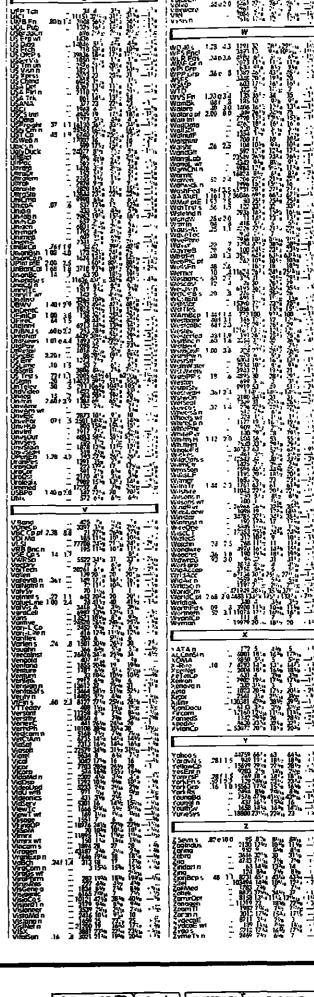






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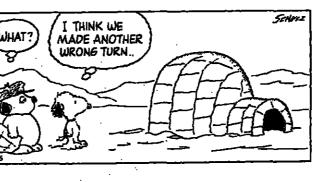


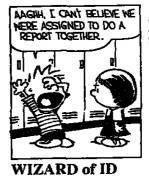


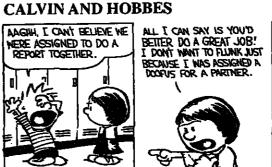


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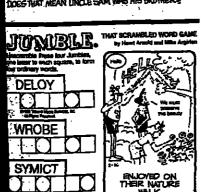




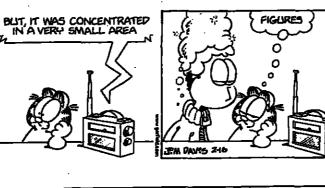


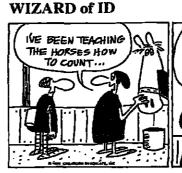






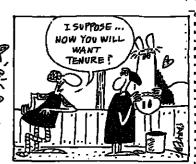


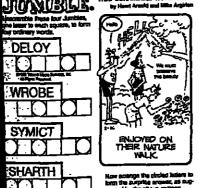




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Richard Krajicek cruising to victory in the St. Petersburg Open.

Krajicek Triumphs

TENNIS In a match between two of the hardest servers in tennis, Richard Krajicek regrouped late in the first set and beat Marc Rosset 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) on Sunday to capture

the St. Petersburg Open. Krajicek, the No. 1 seed from the Netherlands, said he was troubled by Rosset's big serves early on. Then out of the blue the match

changed," he said. "In the first half I thought I had no chance. But in the second half he made lots of mistakes and made it pretty easy."
Rosset, the No. 4 seed from

Switzerland, had no explanation for his change in play. "It's strange," he said. "I was leading 4-2 and everything seemed to be O.K. in the

In doubles, Nicklas Kulti and Mikael Tillstrom of Sweden downed the South African duo of Marius Barnard and Brent Haygarth 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). (AP)
• Third-seeded Mary Pierce won

the first title of her career in her adopted country of France on Sunday when she beat Dominique Van Roost of Belgium, 6-3, 7-5, in the final of the Paris Indoor Open.

It was a sweet victory for Pierce. who was jeered off the same court two years ago when she crashed in the first round to Petra Begerow of The 23-year-old Canadian-born

Pierce, who had beaten Van Roost in all three of their previous encounters, struggled in the later stages of the second set when she squandered a 4-1 lead.

But she remained cool and showed no discomfort from the shoulder injury that had nearly prompted her to quit while losing the first set of her quarterfinal against Anke Huber.

Graf Finally to Return

TENNIS The seven-time Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf, who has bailed out four times from her longawaited comeback from knee surgery, said she would try again this week in Hannover, Germany.

Graf, 28, sidelined since surgery in June on her left knee, was seeded No. 2 in the Faber Grand Prix, which begins Monday. Jana Novotna was seeded first.

Graf has a bye in the first round and probably will not play until Tuesday or Wednesday. She will face either Barbara Paulus of Austria or the wild card Andrea Glass of Germany in the second round.

The German, winner of 21 Grand Slam titles, gave the green light for her return Sunday following a training session at center court in Hannover's Eilenriede Hall.

Rainout in Johannesburg

GOLF Tony Johnstone of Zimbabwe saw his lead narrowed to three shots over world No. 3 Ernie Els on Sunday as rain prevented completion of the final round of the Alfred Dunhill PGA Championship in Johannesburg.
Johnstone and Els. of South

Africa, completed eight holes of their final round and were to come back Monday to finish the tournament that had its schedule thrown off by three days of intermittent storms. Only 36 golfers finished their final round Sunday, meaning most of the

field still must complete play. Scott Dunlap of the United States, who started the day even with Els, was one shot behind the South African after falling back and then getting birdies on five of six boles.

Retief Goosen of South Africa shot a five-under 31 on the front nine of his final round to pull within two shots of Dunlap and six of the lead. The defending champion, Nick Price of Zimbabwe, was a further shot back.

Fraser Lifts England

CRICKET England's bowlers, led by Angus Fraser, restricted West Indies to 120 for five, a lead of 134 at lunch on the third day of the third cricket Test at the Queen's Park Oval in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad on

Fraser took two wickets in the morning session as the home team lost regular wickets after resuming at 71 for two. The 32-year-old removed Kenny Benjamin in his second over of the day. Benjamin top-edged a pull and wicket-keeper Jack Russell ran to the leg-side to haul in a comfortable catch. (AP)

WORLD ROUNDUP Struggling United Held by Barnsley, 1-1

Manchester United's string of embarrassing home results grew longer Sunday when it drew, 1-1, with Barnsley in the Fifth Round of the FA Cup. United leads the English Premier-

ship. Barnsley is last, but it took the lead Sunday from an error by Peter Schmeichel, the United goalkeeper. Schmeichel scuffed the ball into the path of John Hendrie, who shot into the unguarded goal in the 39th minute.

In its last two league games at Old Trafford, United drew 1-1 with Bolton,

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which is one place above Barnsley, and lost 1-0 to Southampton, another struggling team.

Barnsley's lead lasted three minutes. Teddy Sheringham scored with a shot from 10 meters in the 42d minute.

Crystal Palace played tenacious defense at Arsenal and improved to gain a On Saturday, Viorel Moldovan

scored from close range to give Coventry a precious 1-0 victory over its local rival, Aston Villa. It was Coventry's first victory at Villa Park.

Blackburn, playing with 10 men, fought back to draw 2-2 at West Ham. Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink scored his second goal in the 87th minute as Leeds, of the Premier League, beat Birmingharn 3-2 after the first division side had come back from 2-0 down.

In a Premier League game Saturday, Michael Owen, an 18-year old who made his England debut Wednesday, scored his first career hat-trick as Liverpool fought back to draw, 3-3, at Sheffield Wednesday. The draw lifted Liv-erpool into second place behind Manchester United.

ITALY Ronaldo registered his first Serie A hat-trick and assisted on another goal as Inter Milan thrashed Lecce, 5-0, Sunday to keep the pressure on league leader Juventus.

Ronaldo scored with a low shot inside the far post in the first half and then with a penalty kick and a header in the second half to raise his season's tally to 14 goals, five in the last four games.

The Brazilian also set up defender Mauro Milanese's goal as Inter handed

Lecce its seventh straight loss.

Lazio climbed into third place, beating Bari, 2-0. Udinese, which was third, drew 1-1 against 10-man Parma. Oliver Bierhoff hit the equalizer for Udinese with 10 minutes left. It was his leagueleading 17th goal of the season.

Patrick Kluivert scored twice as AC Milan beat Vicenza, 4-1

SPAIN Real Madrid overpowered last-placed Sporting Gijon, 3-0, Sunday to regain first place in the league. Striker Savio popped in the first for Real Madrid in the 51st minute. Davor Suker scored twice for Real.

Barcelona, which began the day in first place, drew, 0-0, with Mallorca in Barcelona. At the end, Barcelona fans waved white handkerchiefs.

NETHERLANDS PSV Eindhoven finished with nine men but still held on for a 1-1 draw against Ajax Amsterdam, the Dutch league leader, in Eindhoven on Sunday. Ajax remains 12 points ahead

Ronald de Boer put Ajax ahead with a lob from 40 meters. Boudewijn Zenden equalized for PSV which lost Wim Jonk



Arsenal's Dennis Bergkamp, left, running past Crystal Palace's Marc Elworthy. The FA Cup game ended in a tie.

and Ernest Faber in the final four minutes. Both were sent off for tripping Michael Laudrup as he broke clear in successive Ajax attacks.

GERMANY Marian Hristov of Kaiserslautern seized on a defensive error to score from close range in the 81st minute and hand Stuttgart its first home defeat of the season, 1-0.

The victory increased Kaiserslautem's lead in the Bundesliga to five

points. Second-placed Bayern Munich lost, 2-1, to Hertha in front of 76,000 in Berlin's Olympic Stadium. Michael Preetz and Ante Covic scored for Hertha. The victory could have been greater had it not been for Oliver Kahn's heroic play in the Bayern goal.

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP Burkina aso, the host nation, beat Guinea, 1-0, in Ouagadougou to reach the quarter-final round of the African Cup of Nations for the first time ever. Referee Omer Yengo of Congo sent off defender Demba Pablo Thiam of Guinea for what seemed a minor in-

fraction, giving Burkina Faso an advantage which it finally exploited with six minutes remaining. Romeo Kambon scored with a soft header. Burkina Faso and Cameroon, which beat Algeria, 2-1, on Sunday, finished in the top two positions in Group A. (AP. Reuters)

Nets Struggle, **But Late Rally** Beats 76ers

The Associated Press

Sam Cassell had 30 points and 11 assists, and his teammates finally found their range in the fourth quarter as New Jersey rallied to beat the 76ers in Philadelphia, 105-98.
After shooting 29-for-81 through the

first three quarters on Saturday night,

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the Nets climbed back from 14 points down. Kerry Kittles scored 11 of his 2 points in the final quarter and Kendall Gill hit two key 3-pointers. Jayson Williams had 17 points and 24 rebounds for New Jersey.

Tim Thomas had a career-high 27 points for Philadelphia and Allen Iverson had 26 before being ejected with 15.7 seconds left after getting a second technical foul, for arguing an out-ofbounds call.

Suns 94, Spurs 81 In San Antonio, Jason Kidd matched his season-high with 29 points as the Phoenix Suns broke open a tight game with a decisive fourth-quarter run. Kidd was 11-for-19 from the field.

David Robinson did not play in the second half for San Antonio because of tendinitis in his right knee. He had 10 points and six rebounds. Will Perdue, subbing for Robinson, had 12 points and 14 rebounds. The Spurs' rookie Tim Duncan had 30 points and 11 rebounds.

Bucks 99, Cavaliers 93 Glenn Robinson scored 27 points and Ray Allen added 25 to lead Milwaukee over host Cleveland.

The Bucks, playing without the former Cavaliers' point guard Terrell Brandon, started the fourth quarter with a 20-9 run to break a 65-65 tie and take an 85-74 lead.

Bob Sura, who missed two months with an ankle injury, led Cleveland with a career-high 30 points in 30 minutes. Wesley Person scored 17.

Pacers 96, Hawks 92 In Atlanta, Reggie Miller scored 31 points and Indiana held the Hawks without a field goal for almost nine minutes in the fourth

The Pacers converted 12 consecutive free throws in the final 1:25, including four each by Miller and Travis Best. Dikembe Mutombo led the Hawks

with 25 points and 18 rebounds and Alan Henderson added 24 points. Jazz 111, SuperSonics 91 Karl Malone scored 34 points and Jeff Hor-

nacek added 22 as visiting Utah won its fourth straight game.

Malone, voted the most valuable player in the league last year, shot 14-for-23 and scored 17 points in the third

quarter when the Jazz pulled away. He also had eight rebounds. Gary Payton led the Sonics with 23 points and 10 assists, but Vin Baker, Seattle's other All-Star, was held to 10 points and three rebounds. The loss

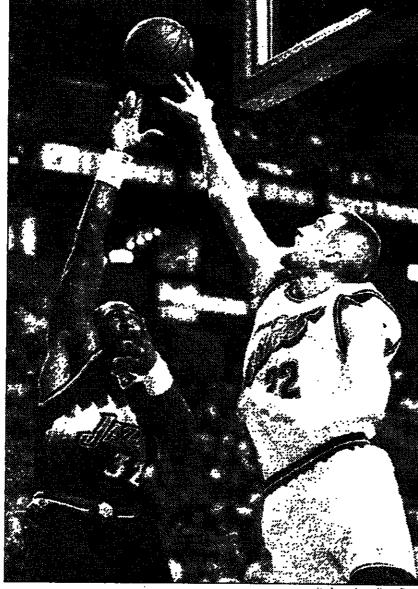
ended the Sonics eight-game homecourt winning streak.

Grizzlies 110, Wizards 108 In Vancouver, Bryant Reeves scored six of his 22 points in overtime as the Grizzlies

snapped a seven-game losing streak.

After the Grizzlies squandered a 10point lead in the final 3:31 of regulation. Reeves put Vancouver ahead for good, hitting 1-of-2 free throws to make it 103-102 with 3:10 remaining in the extra period. Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 21 points and 12 rebounds for Vancouver.

The Wizards were without the injured Chris Webber and Juwan Howard, who did not make the trip.



The Jazz's Karl Malone, left, shooting over Seattle's Jim McIlvaine.

Stars and NBA Trades

Small Franchises Often at Mercy of Big Players

By Mike Wise New York Times Service

NEW YORK - It was another disturbing example of how agents and players are dictating National Basketball Association economics — and how small-market franchises are at the

mercy of their stars. Damon Stoudamire, the diminutive, stop-and-pop point guard, has a tattoo of Mighty Mouse on his biceps for a reason. He wields a lot of power, enough to shoot down other prospective deals that could have made his now-former team, the Toronto Raptors, a much better club.

Stoudamire was traded from Toronto Portland on Friday, along with Walt Williams and Carlos Rogers, in ex-change for Kenny Anderson, Gary Trent, Alvin Williams, two first-round 1998 draft choices and cash.

When the deal was done, Darrell Walker also stepped down as the Rap-tors' coach. Walker, who had been appointed by the since-departed Isiah Thomas, and was closely fied to Stoudamire, departed happily from the team hotel and was relieved by Butch Carter, who was handed the task of coaching a seven-man squad against the Nets. Before the deal was consummated

between the Raptors and Trail Blazers Anderson was the linchpin in the deal Stoudamire was minutes away Wednesday from going to Orlando in a threeteam deal that would have sent Anfernee Hardaway to the Nets. But when news of the prospective

trade reached Stoudamire, a free agent at

season's end, he emphatically put the word out through his agent, Bill Duffy,

that he would not be interested in signing a long-term deal with the Magic after the season. The only scenario would involve

Hardaway's staying in Orlando.
Stoudamire also nullified a similar deal with Sacramento earlier this season, letting the Kings know that unless Mitch Richmond remained, he would not sign a long-term deal,

Such proclamations kill trades because teams bidding for a player like Stoudamire want him for the long haul. The Vancouver Grizzlies may be in the same predicament soon with Shareef Abdur-Rahim, their soon-to-be-freeagent forward.

"It really has gotten out of control." said Geoff Petrie, the vice president and general manager of the Kings. "Toronto drafted this kid, couldn't keep him because of all kinds of demands and had to settle for a deal that wasn't the best deal out there for them."

Petrie and other team executives have suggested that the current system - in which a player can sign with any team after three years in the league - be dealt with when the current bargaining agreement is reopened in April; the league has the unilateral right to do so April 1 and all indications are that it will.

One change could be the assignment of a designated franchise player, a practice that keeps National Football League teams from losing their best players. "If there was a hands-off approach in

which no other team can sign that player, then maybe the playing field would be leveled," Petrie said. "As it is now, it is almost impossible for a small-market team to hold onto a great player and build a great team at the same time."

An Awesome Keeper

Brazil Star Lauds U.S. Player's Performance

By Steven Goff Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES - As half-time approached in the U.S. national soccer team's historic 1-0 upset of world champion Brazil, a pass reached Romario, one of Brazil's stars, a few strides from the American net.

This was a sure thing, soccer's equiv-alent of a breakaway slam dunk, one of the greatest goal scorers of his era requiring only a nod of his head to send the ball into an inviting target about 10 feet

It didn't make it that far. The U.S. goalkeeper, Kasey Keller, threw himself to his right, extended his arms and,

somehow, some way, caught the ball. Romario raised his palms to his face, covered his disbelieving eyes, dragged his fingers to his lowered jaw and then peered skyward pleading for divine ex-planation. The humbled striker extended his hand to Keller and mumbled

something in Portuguese.
"I think he was a little surprised," Keller said. "I saved it and he showed

his respect for it." After the match Tuesday night, in which Keller made six phenomenal saves to help the United States advance to Sunday's championship game of the Concacaf Gold Cup against Mexico at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the usually belligerent Brazilian was in

That was the greatest performance I have ever seen in a goalkeeper," he said. "It was an honor to be on the field

Already known as one of the better poalies in the English Premier League. Keller - who plays for Leicester City

 is gaining a global reputation. London newspapers carried stories on the U.S. victory over Brazil, focusing on Keller's exploits. Satellites accommodated worldwide viewing of his highlights. The BBC called his botel room for an interview. Television crews from several countries cornered him the next day at practice.

All this came just 10 days after he made several dramatic stops to key a 1-0 Premier League victory over firstplace Manchester United, one of the

most intimidating clubs in Europe. But the low-key Keller, who grew up

on a farm in rural Washington state, doesn't impress himself. It's his job as the goalie, he explains, and "if Romario puts a ball in the upper corner, I wasn't. oing to save it. It's a cumulative thing. I'm making a couple of saves that maybe were a little bit special, Brazil maybe didn't put the ball where they should have.

However, that game will always stand out, he said, because of "the team we played, the players, the environment and that we won" - the Americans' first win after eight losses to Brazil.

Keller and Brad Friedel have been tangled in a tight battle for the U.S. team's top goalkeeping spot. Friedel --under contract with Liverpool but not, playing - has been superb in his recent U.S. stints, but Keller's latest show undoubtedly has pushed him ahead.

'Kasey was exceptional." said the coach, Steve Sampson, who won't name his World Cup starter for several months. "It was the best performance I have ever seen - ever! - in any com-

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petition. It was something special." Keller, 28, rejoined the U.S. team from England on Monday because Sampson's plan was to play Friedel in the first round of the Gold Cup and Keller in the elimination rounds. He will remain with the squad for Saturday's exhibition against the Netherlands in Miami and a game at Belgium a few days later before heading back to Leicester City.

The tug-of-war between Sampson and the Leicester City coach, Martin O'Neill, for his services has resulted in numerous transatlantic flights over the past two years. But once the English League season ends May 10, he will be with the U.S. team on a full-time basis in preparation for its World Cup opener against Germany on June 15 in Paris. "We're all working toward the World Cup," Keller said. "To win a com-

petition like this is important to the team. We're a confident group right now." Despite his age and experience, Keller has yet to play in a World Cup. He was a reserve on the 1990 squad and was left. off the 1994 roster because of a dispute with then-coach Bora Milutinovic.:

Caray in Critical Condition

The Associated Press
RANCHO MIRAGE, California

The broadcaster Harry Caray, the longtime voice of the Chicago Cubs. was in critical condition Sunday after collapsing during a Valentine's Day dinner with his wife...

Caray, 78, collapsed Saturday night at the Basin Street West nightclub, said the club's manager, Peter Marin. "Everybody was stunned," said

Ron Marino of Palm Springs, a former scout for the Kansas City Royals. "It took a while for the paramedics to get there. They worked on him for a long time." Caray was in critical but stable

condition at Eisenhower Medical Center, but his wife, Dutchie, asked that no details be made public, according to a hospital spokesman.

Paramedics said they took a man in full cardiac arrest to Eisenhower from the nightclub, but hospital officials would not confirm that Caray was that person. "We had about seven ambulances come in here about the same time, and four were cardiac

arrest cases," the spokesman said. Caray and his wife have a home in

neighboring Palm Springs. Caray is known for singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game during the seventh-inning stretch at Chicago's Wrigley Field, and for reacting to stellar plays by exclaiming "Holy Cow!" a favorite phrase of another baseball announcer, the New York Yankees Phil Rizzuto. Carey is also known for hollering "Cubs win! Cubs win! Cubs

win!" after each Chicago victory. Caray has broadcast baseball games for 53 years, 16 with the Cubs. He also broadcast games for the St-Louis Cardinals, the Oakland A's and the Chicago White Sox. For the 1998 season, the Cubs broadcast team added his grandson, Chip Caray. Caray's son Skip also is a broadcaster

for the Atlanta Braves. Caray suffered a stroke in 1987 and has cut back his broadcasting duties on WGN-TV in recent years Last year he stopped traveling with the Cubs, saying, "Road trips are a grind for ballplayers, and they can be pretty tough on announcers, too."

Technical Fireworks and Soft Landings Give Kulik Gold

By Jere Longman

NAGANO, Japan — For a young figure skater who had been known to wilt under pressure, Ilya Kulik gave the most composed performance of his life in winning the Olympic gold medal. He also delivered the most technically demanding program ever skated at the

Skating first among the contenders Saturday night, Kulik, 20, ended all the suspense in four and half minutes, winning first place from all nine judges. He became the first Olympic champion to

land a quadruple jump.

He also landed an unprecedented eight triple jumps, including a triple-triple combination, and received only one score below 5.8 for technical merit and artistry. It was a huge leap technically from 1994, when Alexei Urmanov of Russia won with no quad and a triple axel-double toe combination.

Kulik skated airily to Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," attaining great height on his jumps and landing so softly that an invisible parachute seemed to cushion his return to the ice. He had worked diligently to improve

his stamina, and Saturday night he appeared in full control with a tranquillity that made him seem oblivious to the pressure of the moment. He became the first man since Dick Button in 1948 to win the Olympics on his first attempt.
"It was my very best performance,"

said Kulik, who trains with his coach, Tatiana Tarasova, in Massachusetts.

"The pressure was unbelievable," Kulik said. "Each practice seemed like a competition. Today, I couldn't sleep during the day. It wasn't possible, I was so nervous. But on the ice I understand everything. I know what to do on the

Kulik is somewhat remote in his skat-ing. And his spins need work. But if he was not particularly engaging or dynamic, he clearly deserved to win over Elvis Stojko of Canada and Philippe Candeloro of France on a night when the other contenders unraveled repeatedly from nerves or injury. Guo Zhengxin of China landed two quads, but his artistry suffered, and he finished eighth.

Stojko won his second consecutive silver medal after landing eight triple jumps despite a painfully strained groin muscle. The injury, complicated by a pinched nerve, had bothered him for a

jump in practice the past two days.
On Friday, he stood at the side of the rink and told his coach, Doug Leigh, "I

can't even move.

Stojko, 26, did not attempt a quadruple jump Saturday night, skaring instead

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with a deliberateness intended to conserve energy and preserve whatever spring remained in his legs. He still managed to match Kulik in triple jumps if not in artistry. Afterward, Stojko winced in pain and had to be helped to the kiss-and-cry area by his coach.
"He is in acute pain," Leigh said. "If
there was a medal for bravery and cour-

age, Elvis deserved it." Candeloro gave the most vibrant and ambitious performance of the evening, skating as D'Artagnan of "The Three Musketeers' and winning a bronze medal for the second straight Winter

His sword-fighting showmanship brought screams and wild applause from the audience at White Ring arena, pulled him up from fifth place after the short program and knocked the faltering

month, and Stojko had not been able to jump in practice the past two days.

On Friday, he stood at the side of the rink and told his coach, Doug Leigh, "I bothered by an ankle injury the past two seasons, but Saturday he rediscovered the theatricality that made him so promising and entertaining four years ago in illehammer, Norway.

Eldredge, 26, the 1996 world champion, had built his career on dependability and consistency. But he fell apart Saturday, awkwardly leaning on a triple axel that disrupted a combination jump and deflated his entire performance.

He later reduced an intended triple axel to a single and fell when trying a second time to do the jump. He had finished third in the short program, but he hardly deserved a medal after the stunning meltdown Saturday night.

"When I finished, there were no thoughts about medals," Eldredge said.

"I was not pleased with what I had done.

The first triple axel, I tried too hard. On the second one, I was too tired. The medal was something I wanted. But everybody doesn't get what they want." Kulik finally did get what he wanted

after two years of struggling to improve his stamina in the free skate

Two years ago, he moved from Mos-

ing conditions and financial opportu-nities. Last summer, after a fifth-place finish at the 1997 world championships, he began working with a personal train-

on Saturday night, he overwhelmingly won the free skate, just as he had won the short program on Thursday.

Robin Cousins of Britain, the 1980 Olympic champion, described Kulik's winning performance as "wonderfully controlled."

'He's a young athlete who 's brought a different style to the podium," Cousins said. "He was so serene on the

Button, the winner at age 18 in 1948 and again in 1952, said that while Kulik's performance was deserving of a gold medal, it was still unfulfilled in its

'He's got the most physical talent, the most superb body, the finest long legs waiting to become instruments for a magnificent performance," Button said. "He has yet to develop that. If he ever does, he will become a great

After his performance Kulik may have put an end the snickering about his



skating program of the men's final.

yellow giraffe-print shirt covered by a white vest.

"I doubt I can buy this shirt anywhere," Kulik joked. "It was done special for me by a good mother in Moscow. I feel that shirt for me is lucky. I don't think I will be hearing any more questions about this shirt because this shirt has won."

18 Skaters Disintegrate A Games Sprint Record

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service

NAGANO, Japan - "A very strange year," Ids Postma said Sunday, his gold medal secure in his custody.

He was talking about his own sudden metamorphosis into a sprinter, the sudden Dutch surge in sprinting, and also

SPEED SKATING

the technological leap that saw 18 — count 'em 18 — skaters beat the old Olympic record for the 1,000 meters. Postma was the fastest of the new

clap-skate set Sunday, setting the record in 1 minute, 10.64 seconds, followed by his compatriot Jan Bos and Horoyasu Shirnizu of Japan. The old record of 1:12.43 had been set by Dan Jansen of the United States in Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994. Jansen was present as 15 other skaters whizzed past his accom-

Jansen and Postma have both been coached by Peter Mueller, the 1976 gold medalist in the 1,000 meters. Postma, age 24, said he would continue skating while working at his family farm.

The Dutch also anached adhesive rubberized strips to their racing suits to cut down wind resistance. The strips were approved by the association only the Friday before the Winter Games opened, and Gianni Romme and Rintje Ritsma of the Netherlands won gold and silver with them in the 5,000 meters.

'If the strips are an advantage, what in the world are they doing putting them in two days before the Olympics?" asked Casey FitzRandolph, the American who finished seventh. "That sounds crazy to me.

Asked about the strips, Bos said: "It was new for me. We got them only one



Ids Postma during his record-setting performance in the 1,000 meters.

day before the 500. We scared other countries with them, but I don't really believe in them."

The clap skates are for real, however. Postma, 24, has always done better in the longer races. He fell in the 500 and won a silver in the 1,500 despite stumbling, and he stunned himself Sunday.

Paired with K.C. Boutiette of the United States in the 17th group, he ticked one lane marker harmlessly, but raced through the final lap in 28.02, to set the Olympic record, the third time it had fallen in one day. Then he had to sweat out five other pairs before he was assured of his gold.

"I don't expect to win the 1,000," he said, "but I said, 'Let's go for it, in the corners as well."

he is called in his country, won the 500-meter sprint on Tuesday for Japan's first gold medal of these Winter Games, and only the second individual gold medal ever won by a Japanese up to that point. The nation has continued to do well, and Shimizu did not mind saying he thought he had something to do with it.

"This might sound a bit audacious," he was quoted as saying by a translator after the race, "but after I won the gold medal, it seemed that all Japanese athletes were upbeat. Nothing could beat

Shimizu said he, in turn, took energy from the successes of Japanese athletes in recent days, and he did not pay homage to the new clap skates. Postma, however, acknowledged that the speed-skating in the 1998 Winter Games would be linked to the equipment.

When asked how long he expected his record to stand, Postma said, "Well,

■ Canadian Woman Wins 500

Catriona LeMay-Doan of Canada won the women's 500-meter race on Saturday, Christopher Clarey of The New York Times reported. Heading into Saturday afternoon's final round, she held a lead of four one-hundredths of a second over Susan Auch of Canada. By the time they had finished their display of power and precision, the order was

LeMay-Doan relentlessly imposed her will and greater force, finishing in a time of 38.21 seconds to Auch's 38.51.

JAPAN: Cries of Joy for the Gold Medals Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto

Continued from Page 1

rible weather that has plagued the Games. Instead of enjoying the mo-ment, the Japanese press has been filled with second-guessing about whether Nagano, the southernmost city ever to hold the games, should have been selected in the first place. But that mood changed with the

medal blitz Sunday. In the morning, Funaki won the men's 120-meter ski jump — adding to the silver medal he won in the 90-meter jump competition
— and his teammate Masabiko Harada won the bronze, to the delirious cheering of 35,000 mainly Japanese fans. In the afternoon, the speed skater Hiroyasu Shimizu picked up his second medal, a bronze in the men's 1,000-meter race to go with his gold in the 500-meter, turning the crowd at Nagano's M-Wave skating oval into a screaming sea of waving flags and flashing cameras.

Harada's medal was an inspiring comeback. He was heavily favored to win a medal in the 90-meter jump, but he flubbed his last jump and finished fifth. It was the same fate he suffered in the Lillehammer Games in 1994, when his poor final jump cost Japan the team jumping gold medal. Harada's third place Sunday was a sweet ending to a

sad story.
"These athletes make this world brighter; they have changed people's moods," said Shoichi Asahara, a 69year-old fan.

joined in the cheering for Japan's medalists. "Unbelievable," he said in Tokyo, praising Funaki for 'perfect form,' and Harada for good sportsform," and Harada for good sports-manship in accepting his teammate's superior performance. The winners also are fresh faces for

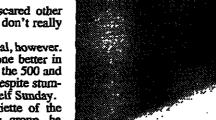
Japan, marking an important generational shift. Funaki, 22, has stylish, pointy sideburns and high, thin eyebrows that look plucked. Tae Satoya, 21, who won the gold medal in women's mogul skiing, was born four years after the Sapporo Olympics. She is Japan's first fe-male gold medalist at the Winter Games, but looks more at home in Tokyo's trendy neighborhoods than pouring tea at some corporation - the career path of many of her contemporaries.

These athletes are the face of Japan's

hip youth, a generation of iconoclasts who are challenging the notions of conformity and group behavior advocated by their parents and grandparents. Japan's bleached-and-pierced snowboarders are as cutting-edge as any from America, and young athletes such as Funaki, Satoya and others are inspiring their peers.

Funaki's newest possession is Japan's 99th Olympic gold medal in all games, summer and winter. If number 100 does not come Monday, many people will be looking to Funaki and Harada to provide it in the team ski jumping competition

Tuesday morning.
"Today," said Asahara, a retired teacher, "I felt the beauty of Funaki."



The emotional high of the afternoon was for Shirnizu, all 1.60 meters (5 feet, 3 inches) of him. The "Little Giant," as

it's an Olympic record, so four years.'

Auch made it to the 100-meter mark slightly ahead in a superb 10.27 seconds. But over the next 400 meters.

KARUIZAWA, Japan — So you thought the women who are bodychecking and insulting each other back at the Aqua Wing in Nagano City were

such teeth-rattling tigers. But there are many ways to define women as tough, that make them late 20th century Olympians and role models. How many do you know that can hold down a fulltime job, raise a child or two, juggle a life that still leaves room for passionate,

Four mommies with brooms took the first gold medal in women's curling here Sunday afternoon at Kazakoshi Park Arena. The Canadian women defended their world championship by beating Denmark, 7-5. Years of sacrifice, of begging time off from work, of





Russian Biathlete Is Just Barely Best

NOZAWA ONSEN, Japan — Galina Koukleva of Russia, ranked No. 2 in the world, won the gold medal in the women's 7.5-kilometer sprint Sunday, as Russia and Germany reasserted their dominance in the biathlon after a series

of surprises in earlier races. Koakleva, a 25-year-old sport instructor, skimmed across the finish line in 23 minutes, 8.0 seconds. That wasseven-tenths of a second ahead of Ursula Disl of Germany, who won her second medal in Japan. Her teammate, Katrin Apel, finished an additional 24 seconds back to win the bronze. Each medalist missed one of her 10 targets.

The 64-woman race was a fast one,

despite an icy glaze over the snow that fell overnight and stopped about three hours before the event. There was vir 10 rounds of ammunition.

They fired rwice in prone and stand-

BIATHLON

tually no wind. Rapidly changing snow conditions had slowed earlier races and produced surprise winners.

But on Sunday, the medalists all ranked among the top 10 in World Cup standings. Germany and Russia, along with Norway, are the current biathlon powerhouses.

Competitors started at intervals of 30 seconds and had to climb a total of 260 meters (853 feet) over the course. They carried .22-caliber rifles, weighing faster or any farther.'

ing positions at the 2.5-kilometer and 5kilometer points on the course. In contrast to the individual competition, when a minute is added to total time for every shot missed, a 150-meter penalty loop had to be skied for each miss. That

takês up about 30 seconds. Disl moved into high gear on the last stretch to nearly make up the six seconds between her and Koukleva.

"Coming into the finish, I was utterly exhausted," Disl said. "I was seeing stars and everything else. When I collapsed I knew I couldn't have gone any

Women of Curling: Tough in Own Way

world-class sport?

Canada's skip, Sandra Schmirler, shouting Sunday to teammates.

Vantage Point/ HARVEY ARATON

delaying the start of a family until they just couldn't wait any more, had paved the long road back to Regina, Saskatchewan, with gold, even if as athletes they do not live on the Olympic mountain top like Picabo Street, or at the center of the television universe with, Michelle Kwan and Tara Lipinski.

CBS, the U.S. television network, gave the snarling U.S. hockey lassies a tape-delayed Saturday afternoon slot after they gave the favored Canadians a third-period spanking to mull over be-fore their gold-medal showdown Tuesday night. I realize that Americans do not want people wasting their time with a slow, strategic game mostly popular in Canada's western prairies (though Switzerland stunned Canada for the

men's gold medal). You can't compare a pedestrian cross between shuffleboard and bowling on ice with she-woman sports like basketball and hockey. What the beck, I'm

going to anyway.

"We don't have to train eight hours a day for this," Canada's Jan Betker admitted. "But I think what we have proved is that women can have it all, just like men. I hope young girls in Canada look at us that way. Here, finally, we have women hockey

players who are as athletically graceful as the figure skaters but don't want to

settle for skaring and stick work. They

obviously want to check, which is not

allowed, and in the case of the Americans and Canadians, probably take off the gloves and draw some blood. The knee jerk reaction has been 'Right on. What's good for the guys Except violence is only good for

the networks and merchandisers, for warped messages to kids. The women with sticks are obviously

hoping for a professional league in which to make a full-time living, so maybe they think this is what their audience wants. The game played with brooms, for the best curlers in Canada and elsewhere, will never be more than a good-paying hobby. So Canada's Marcia Gudereit, 32, helps pay the bills as a systems analyst. Joan McCusker, 32, is a teacher. Sandra Schmirler, the 34-year-old 'skip" and star, is on maternity leave from her job at a recreation center.

All four of the starters have given birth in the last 20 months. McCusker has two children. That's five kids who factored

into years of Olympic preparations.

A lof of juggling, a lot of togetherness and families pitching in," said Shannon England. His wife, Schmirler, kept her maiden name, a good idea, since "Schmirler the Curler" may now be Canada's most popular female athlete, a woman who won her last world championship six months pregnant and stopped the Olympic trials in November to breast-feed baby Sarah.

"I don't mind saying this but there's been a lot of sacrifice on the part of the husbands," England said. "Most Americans don't understand this sport and probably don't even see it as a sport. but the game demands time, dedication. teamwork. Most days since Sarah was born. I've come right home from work and Sandra went right out to practice. It's been hard on everyone but this may be the best curling team ever. How could any of us think of denying our wives this chance?"

OLYMPIC ROUNDUP

Hockey Gets Rough

ICE HOCKEY A National Hockey League brawl finally broke out at the Olympics — in the match Sunday between Russia and Finland, two teams that supposedly rely on speed, passing and finesse.

Most of the players had been on their best behavior in Nagano, Japan, seemingly more intent on adjusting to the larger ice surface than flexing their muscles. All that changed with a skurnish that gave Japanese fans their first real taste of the NHL style of play.

Darius Kasparaitis decked Jarmo Myllys, the Finnish goalkeeper, and then exchanged punches with Jyrki Lumme, Lumme and Kasparaitis both received 10-minute misconduct penalties. The fight was a draw, but Russia won the game, 4-3, to improve to 2-0 during the round-robin phase of the tour-

the Czech Republic beat Kazakstan, 8-2. That game also had the look of an NHL clash, as gloves and sticks littered the ice midway through the second period after Jan Caloun of the Czech Republic and Vladimir Antipin pounded each other along the backboards.

In the other men's game Sunday.

Five players ended up in the penalty box. The Czech coach Ivan Hlinka said forward David Moravec had some teeth loosened in the game. Defenseman Petr Svoboda received a game misconduct with 33 seconds left for high-sticking. (AP)

Dahlie Misses Gold

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING Thomas Alsgaard of Norway overtook his compatriot, Bjorn Dahlie, in the final 100 meters to win the 15-kilometer freestyle pursuit title

Saturday. Skiers start the race handicapped according to their finishing position in the earlier 10K race. Dahlie, who won gold in the 10K, started eight seconds ahead of Markus Gandler, the 10k silver medalist, and with an advantage of 14 seconds over Alsgaard. While Alsgaard was pursuing Dahlie, Dahlie was chasing his seventh Olympic gold medal, which would have been a winter Olympic record.

Vladimir Smirnov of Kazakstan won the bronze.

Szewczenko Drops Out

FIGURE SKATING Tanja Szewczenko's hard luck streak forced her out of the Olympics on Sunday with the flu.

Szewczenko, who was staging a comeback from a viral illness and assorted injuries, took sick the day after the opening ceremony. She was bed-ridden for five days with a high fever. She returned to practice Saturday, but realized she'd lost too much strength.

'This is one of the hardest decisions I've had to make in my career," coach Peter Jonas said. "It is made in accordance with the German skating federation and with Tanja. It was like a cement block off her shoulders."

Fewer Ads, Please

John Krimsky, marketing chief of the U.S. Olympic Committee, called on CBS on Sunday to do something about the number and timing of commercials on its Olympic broadcasts.

Krimsky, the committee's deputy secretary general, said that the broadcasts, plagued by much lower-than-expected ratings, were overrun with commercials that interrupted the flow of events. We recognize that the commer-

cial networks have a right and a

need to recoup the amounts they

pay to the International Olympic

Committee for rights fees," he said.
"We just suggest that the networks perhaps should rethink the number of commercial breaks."

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"It's easy to hand the responsibility for winning games to a Hall of Fame quarterback

> that I fell into myself." So Marino has been declawed to some extent. But at least he is better off than Todd

most of last season, will prob- Mora with the Saints, John-

like Dan Marino. It was a trap

Shifting Hands
In the AFC East By Gerald Eskenazi

New York Times Service

at quarterback on opening day in Indianapolis and Buf-

and perhaps with the

All five clubs in the di-

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Dan Marino will still direct

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shot quarterback.

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replaced by Kippy Brown, the

running-back coach who was

* 1. with the Jets under Bruce Cos-

Johnson said the Dolphins

signed Doug Flune out of the Canadian Football League. The Colis could start a TEW YORK - It's an rookie. They have the No. 1 off-center off-season choice in a draft that features for the American two quarterbacks who are con-Football Conference East, sidered worthy of that pick: Peyton Manning of Tennessec once the domain of the bigand Ryan Leaf of Washington Saturday's trade of Jim State. The Colts' new general Harbaugh from the Indianamanager, Bill Polian, said repolis Colts to the Baltimore cently that it would take an Ravens means the AFC East "unfathomable offer" for him is likely to have new starters to yield that selection.

What we want to come out of the draft with is a good young quarterback," said Polian, who swept out the former coaching staff and re-placed Lindy Infante with Jim passing games dramatically Mora as the Colts' head coach and now has unloaded the salary of Harbaugh, who was in the third year of a four-year,

the Miami Dolphins' attack. \$15 million deal. The Harbaugh trade might make the picture a bit clearer between the Jets and Neil O'Donnell. Even if he stays been torn off. The bellicose with the team, O'Donnell is likely to be pushed out as the starting quarterback by Glenn Foley, just as he was last season. In any event, the Jets the The FAC ap game ended in the playoffs in the wild-card quarterbacks will be tutored by Dan Henning, who had the round with a loss to the New same job in Buffalo.

England Patriols.
On the flight back to Florida, the Dolphin coach Jimmy Finally, there is New England, where Drew Bledsoc Johnson told his quarterback would seem to be the one constant. But his role will change, Branch Lang that there would be a change in too. The Patriots have hired Ernie Zampese from the Dallas Cowboys to direct their The Berkel week when Gary Stevens was offense. Zampese is talking about having Bledsoe give the ball to his running backs more, much as the Patriots did two seasons ago when Bill Parcells was their head coach and they made it to the Super Bowl.

Speaking of the AFC East, name the senior coach in terms of consecutive years with the same team: It's Jimmy Johnson. Remember when he was the interloper, "I've had reservations replacing Don Shula only two seasons ago?

Parcells has one year with the Jets, and Pete Carroll has one year with the Patriots. Jim Mora at Indianapolis and Wade Phillips at Buffalo, although hardly spring chickens, are rookies in the division.

Four of the coaches became noted for their National Football Conference roots: Collins, the Bills' starter for Parcells with the Giants, ably lose his job in the wake of son with Dallas, and Carroll, Buffalo's trade last week for although a former Jets' head Jaguars. The Bills also have San Francisco 49ers.



Scott Padgett of Kentucky coming up with a loose ball as Anthony Boone of Mississippi dove in vain. The Rebels won for the first time in Kentucky's Rupp Arena.

Big-League Date in Athens?

With an Eye on NHL and Olympics, Baseball Ponders 2004

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

They might not offer the enthralling and scintillating entertainment that snowboarders and curlers do, but the time is probably drawing near when U.S. Major League Baseball players will compete in the Olympics. That time, however, will not be in the 2000 Olympics in Australia. "You will not have fullfledged major leaguers in

Sydney because the Games start Sept. 16," said Don Fehr, executive director of the Players Association, leaving open the possibility that minor leaguers could play. "You can't disrupt the integrity of the pennant races like that. If hockey works out and we have a favorable result in leaguers in Athens.

be played in July. While Materback for the Jacksonville Minnesota Vikings and the son with only two weeks to referring to team owners. play, as would be required

under the Australia schedule, such as the Olympics or a management and union officials could consider taking a players would represent their hiatus in the middle of the season, as the National Hockey League is doing, to go to the Games in Athens.

Paul Beeston, baseball's chief operating officer, said he would like to think of Olympic participation as inevitable, but he acknowledged that some problems existed. Basketball goes in the off-

season," he said, referring to professional basketballers role in the summer Games. "Hockey can compress their season because they don't play every day, and they started a week early and will go a week later.' Baseball, however, is

scheduled practically every day from April through Sydney, we could make a le- September or early October gitimate effort to put major and would be hard pressed to start the season earlier or fin-Fehr referred to the ish later. "You'd have to re-

own countries. The alignments would create fierce, and intriguing, competition in the Americas: Pedro Martinez could pitch for the Dominican Republic against Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Bonds, Mike Piazza and Frank Thomas of the United States.

Juan Gonzalez, Bernie Williams and the Alomar brothers of Puerto Rico would face Randy Johnson. Greg Maddux and Andy Pettime of the United States. A World Cup of baseball

has an advantage over the Olympics because it could be played after the season. But the Olympics would let baseball be showcased for many more countries. The owners and the players

would have to approve the plan, along with the U.S. "That would have to be de- ciation. The IBA, amateur In any international event, to play in the Olympics.

No Shocker This Time

Terps Fall as Tar Heels Avenge Only Loss of Season

The Associated Press

as No. 1 North Carolina avenged its only loss of the season, beating No. 24 Maryland, 85-67. Jamison started out 12-for-

Heels (26-1, 12-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) clinched at least a first- or secondplace finish in the league for the 29th time in the last 34 seasons. The game Saturday was Jamison's third 30-point effort in his last four games. The Tar Heels have won nine

The Terps (15-8, 8-5) had won eight of 10 coming in, including an 89-83 overtime victory against the top-ranked Tar Heels on Jan. 14 in College Park, Maryland.

No. 2 Duke 78, Wake Forest 47 Trajan Langdon scored 18 points, all on 3-pointers, and ing on its home court for the the Blue Devils snapped a third time this season, closed five-game home losing streak to Wake Forest.

The Demon Deacons (12-11, 4-8 Atlantic Coast Conference) had won their last five games at Cameron Indoor Stadium, the longest active streak by any team, but committed 17 turnovers and shot 33 percent (17-of-52).

Duke (23-2, 12-1) made 11 of 20 shots from 3-point range and scored 22 points off turnovers to win its 20th consecutive home game.

No. 4 Kansas 73, Kansas St. 58 In Manhattan, Kansas, Raef LaFrentz scored 24 points, including 10 straight during a decisive second-half stretch, and the Jayhawks beat Kansas State on its home floor for the 15th straight year. LaFrentz also had 10 rebounds for the Jayhawks (27-3, 11-1 Big 12).

No. 5 Utab 60, Colorado St. 48 In Fort Collins, Colorado, Andre Miller scored 16 points, Michael Doleac added 14 and Rick Majerus earned his 300th coaching victory as Utah beat Colorado State. Majerus, 300-109 and 201-

57 in nine years with the Utes. joined Vadel Peterson (384-224) and Jack Gardner (339-154) as the only coaches at Utah to reach 300 victories.

The Utes (21-2) main-Baseball Federation and the tained their hold on second Olympics of 2004, which will duce the schedule," he said. International Baseball Asso- place in the Mountain Division of the WAC with a pres jor League Baseball wouldn't bated." But, he added, baseball's international gov- sure defense that held Col-Rob Johnson, the backup quar- coach, as an assistant with the think of interrupting its sea- "Ownership wants to do it," erning body, has modified its orado State (19-5) to its rules to permit professionals lowest point total since a 58-40 loss to Drake in 1991-92.

No. 6 Connecticut 92, Pitt Tonnessee 74, No. 12 Antawn Jamison matched 67 In Hartford, Connecticut, Arkansas 71 In Knoxville, his career high with 36 points Richard Hamilton scored 31 Tennessee. Tony Harris points as the Huskies scored 21 points for the Volbounced back from a disap-unteers, who led by 24 points pointing loss. Khalid El- in the first half. Tennessee Amin added 15 points and (16-6, 6-6 Southeastern Con-Kevin Freeman had 14 for the ference) held off a second-14 from the field and added Huskies (22-4, 11-3), who half run for its first win over 16 rebounds as the host Tar lost 80-62 at No. 15 West the Razorbacks (20-5, 9-3) in Virginia last Wednesday.

No. 18 Mississippi 73, No. 7 Kentucky 64 In Lexington. Kentucky, Keith Carter completed a four-point play late in four minutes of the second the game to snuff out a rally

COLLEGE BASKETBALL and the Rebels won for the

first time in Rupp Arena. Mississippi (17-5, 8-4 Southeastern Conference) won for only the second time in 45 contests on Kentucky's DuJuan Wiley added 11 home court, the other victory apiece. Sam Jacobson, who coming in 1927.

Kentucky (22-4, 10-2), losing on its home court for the Minnesota (11-13) with 17 to 62-59 on Jeff Sheppard's 3pointer from the top of the key with 2:02 to go. After a Kentucky timeout, Mississippi worked 25 seconds off the clock before Carter connected on a 3 from the left wing and was fouled by Allen Edwards. The free throw gave the Rebels a 66-59 lead.

No. 9 UCLA 87, California 84 In Los Angeles, Kris Johnson matched his season high with 28 points and J. R. Henderson had 18 of his 23 points in the second half as the Bruins rebounded from a rare home

UCLA (19-5, 9-4 Pac-10) had lost two of its previous three games including an 84-81 setback to No. 14 Stanford last Thursday night, which snapped its 16-game winning streak at Pauley Pavilion.

In Princeton, Brian Earl scored nine of his 21 points in a deciding second-half run as the Tigers extended their winning streak to 13.

No. 11 New Mexico 96, Air Force 72 In Colorado Springs, Lamont Long and Royce Olney combined for 21 points to key a game-breaking run as New Mexico beat Air Force for its sixth straight victory.

two years.

No. 13 Michigan St. 71, Minnesota 59 Jason Klein scored 11 of his 19 points in the first half and Mateen Cleaves had a school-record nine steals as host Michigan State regained sole possession of first place in the Big Ten with a victory over Minnesota.

Charlie Bell had 12 points for Michigan State (18-5), while Antonio Smith and hit his first six shots but missed his next eight, led points. Kevin Clark had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

In Los Angeles, Arthur Lee scored a season-high 23 points as Stanford beat Southem California, marking the first time in 69 years the Cardinal has swept UCLA and USC in the same season.

No. 15 South Carolina 76 Mississippi St. 65 B. J. McKie scored 20 points to lead the Gamecocks to their 21st straight home victory. South Carolina (19-4, 9-3 Southeastern Conference) took the lead for good with a 10-0 first-half run that wiped out a 29-26 deficit.

Dayton 78, No. 17 Washington 64 Edwin Young scored 18 points, all but two of them at the free throw line, as the unranked Dayton Flyers took advantage of a huge No. 10 Princeton 78, Yale 48 difference in foul shot attempts to upset visiting George Washington.

No. 20 Massachusetts 81, La Salle 71 In Amherst, Massachusetts, Charlton Clarke scored 22 points, including eight straight free throws in the final minutes, as the Minutemen won for the 13th time in 14 games. La Salle (7-16, 3-10) got 21 points and 16 rebounds from K'Zell Wesson.

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Ben Grieve and OF Jason McDonald on one-year contracts.

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CHICAGO-Agreed to terms with RHP Steve
Trachsel on 1-year contract. CINCAMATI—Signed 18 Educato Perez and RHP Gabe White to1-year contracts. Agreed to terms with OF Ozzle Timmons on 1-

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION ATLANTA—Signed G-F Lloyd Donleis to 10 day confract. CHARLOTTE—Signed G Vernon Maxwes fo

remorater or season.

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ORLAND—Put G Darrell Armstrong on injured list. Activated G Johnny Taylor from injured list.

PORTLAND—Put C Alton Lister on injured list. Activated F Brian Grand from injured list.

TORONTO—Traded G Damon Stoudamire
F Wall Williams and F Cortos Rogers to Part tand for G Kenny Anderson, G Alvin Williams F Gary Trent and 2 1st round draft choices Annumced resignation of Darrell Walker, coach, Named Butch Carter Interim cooch for

nder of season. FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE BUFFALO-Acquired QB Rob Johnson from Jocksonville for 1st- and 4th-round draft CINCONNATI-Signed DL Michael Bankston

to 3-year contract. DEXVER-Agreed to terms with WR Edword Hervey. GREEN BAY—Agreed to terms with WR Robert Brooks on Syeer contract and LB Brion Williams on 4-year contract. INDIANAPOLIS—Traded QB Jim Harbaugh and 4th-round at all pick to Baltimore for 3d

and ath-mund draft sicks. und ART-round areas picks,
KANSAS CITY—Wolved DT Joe Phillips and
TE Demick Wolker.

A.Y. GIANTS—Signed S Tito Wooten to multiyear controct. Named Jimmy Robinson wide
receivers cooch.

PITTSBURGH—Signed CB Larry Brown and RB Richard Huntley.

ST. LOUIS—Named John Becket director of college scooting.

TENNESSEE OILERS—Signed WR Yorky Thigpen to 5-year contract:
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Ken Horvey and G Tre Johnson.

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WINTER OLYMPICS

R MONDAY, FEBRUARY LA Canada Ties With Italy For Gold In Bobsled NAGANO, Japan - Pierre Lueders

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and Guenther Huber stood at the top of the Olympic bobsled run and joked about making history. Then they went and made it.

Lueders, driving Canada 1, and Huber, in Italy 1, were co-gold medalists Sunday in the two-man race, the first time a bobsled event at the Winter Games ended with two champions.

Trailing Huber by three-hundredths skating program of the men; of a second before the minar run, Lucutes posted the fastest time and pulled off a dramatic tie for the gold at 3 minutes.

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cital for me by a good mother; thing? It would be incredible," Luedon's think i will be nearned dense said. "I can't really believe we won dense think i will be nearned the bing and there's somebody else don't free one of the series of ders said. "I can't really betieve we won questions delical the ship bear this thing, and there's somebody else we're tied with. It's very rare in our sport, and it's fantastic."

bobsled race produced co-winners, but not the first time it has produced a tie. In 1968, Italy's Eugenio Monti and Germany's Horst Floth were in a dead tie Hockey Gets Rim after four cumulative runs at the Gren-oble-Alpe d'Huez Olympics. In 1968, the judges changed the out-

ICE HOCKEY A A LANGE Come to conform to world bobsled rules. the the main below giving the gold to Monti's team because the the main it had the fastest time in a single heat. Rand wife After that, Olympic officials decided applied a not to break ties this way, a policy that was not needed until Sunday.

In other Winter Olympic sports a handful of events have ended with twin golds. In 1972, the title in doubles luge was shared by Horst Hoemlein and Rethe state of the s Paul Hildgartner and Walter Plaikner of Italy in the time of 1:28.35.

On Sunday, Lueders put on an impressive show. He had said he was out to make amends for his dismal performance at Lillehammer, where he was seventh in at Lillehammer, where he was seventh in two-man and 12th in four-man,

..... It was Canada's first Olympic medal in the two-man and only its second



Pierre Lueders, front, and David MacEachern of Canada raising their arms in triumph after their final run in the bobsled race Sunday.

three teammates from Montreal won gold in the four-man at Innsbruck in 1964. Canada had never before entered an Olympic bobsled race.

"It was so close it would have been a travesty if either one would have lost," Lueders said. "Oh, it's great! It's been a long time coming and I'm just happy that we're the ones who did it."

It was the first bobsled gold for Italy since the heyday of Monti in the 1950s and 1960s. He is the only man to win gold, silver and bronze in both the twoman and four-man events.

The only other time an Olympic bobsled competition ended in a dead heat. Monti was involved. He tied Horst Floth of Germany in 1968 at Grenoble, but by old bobsled rules Monti was awarded the gold because he had the fastest single heat

bobsled medal. Victor Emery and his time. The rules since then have been changed to allow for ties.

Huber built a five-hundredths-of-asecond lead over the Canadian star on the first run of the competition, but Lueders slowly pecked away at it. barely beating him down the 15-turn Spiral track on the next three runs.

Lueders, who despite a bitter wind went without gloves and socks, made up one hundredth of a second on the second run Saturday and did it again on the third

With the gold medal on the line, Lueders then made up the final margin when it counted most. Huber had heats of 54.51, 54.29, 54.17 and 54.27, and Lueders had runs

of 54.56, 54.28, 54.16 and 54.24. Christoph Langen of Germany won the bronze in 3:37.89. (NYT, AP)

Good Sports About Bad Manners

Whether Bathing or Eating, Etiquette Eludes Foreigners

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

TAGANO, Japan — A few days ago, an American man made a major blunder in the Azuma Public Bath.

Embarrassed to strip in front of the matron who runs the bath house and wanders freely between the men's and women's sections, the American left his underwear on and tried to step into one of the giant tubs.

"So I had to run after him," recalled the matron, Wakiko Natsume, noting that Japanese bath etiquette stipulates that one must bathe naked. "I told him to take his underpants off right away."

Natsume smiled sweetly, oblivious that she might have been the cause of his embarrassment, and added: "And so he did. I think he was a little humiliated that

he had made a mistake." All of Nagano these days, and not just the bath houses, is a study in the collision of cultures. Thousands of Westerners have descended on this quaint city and are cheerfully and obliviously trampling on local etiquette - walking while eating, scrubbing in the bathtub, even wear-

ing shoes as they step into a house.

To be sure, most Japanese have been extremely understanding of these breaches of good manners. There seems to be some expectation that foreigners will do outrageous things — also, it makes for a better show — and local people seem very warm-hearted about foreigners who blithely break every rule in the book.

Japan's understanding of etiquette is very different from that of the West, and traditionally it was considered quite proper for men to urinate in public — women, too, until a couple of hundred years ago.

Before the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, the Japanese government had to issue urgent pleas for men to refrain from this practice because "foreigners are com-ing and they might think the Japanese are uncivilized.

Public urination has become far less common now, but in any case it would be a big mistake for any visitor to think that the Japanese have unsophisticated manners because they do not always bother looking for a toilet.

It is just that Japanese etiquette tends to focus less on natural functions and more on eating, sitting, language and feet, so that even little children have enough

savvy to wear one set of shoes to school, another set inside the classrooms, a third pair of footwear in gym class and a fourth kind in the school bathrooms. As far back as 720, it was decreed that anyone who breached etiquette by pouring wine while standing must commit suicide.

That rule has been relaxed along with many others; indeed, today even someone who commits a really serious sin such as stepping on a tatami mat with shoes will not necessarily be asked to commit seppuku, although that is a closer call.

That is also the most grievous sin that foreigners appear to be committing in Nagano.

No, no, no, no!" shrieked Michiyo Ogiwara as she ran after a European man who was poised to step in his shoes on the tatami mat in Zenkoji, the great temple in Nagano.

She pointed to his shoes, and he

guiltily retreated - but then he committed another common offense: He took his shoes off and stood in his socks on the floor, and then stepped onto the tatami. "That's not proper, but I don't say anything," Ogiwara sighed. "I do no-

tice that foreigners are not so clear as Japanese about the distinction between tatami and the out-floor.

The correct procedure is that shoes should touch only the outer floor and socks or slippers should touch only the inside floor.

OREIGNERS also seem to have some trouble with eating. Some Leat while standing or, worse, while walking. Some guzzle directly from a bottle instead of using a glass. Some order zaru soba, a kind of noodle that is supposed to be dipped in sauce, but instead they pour the sauce over the

Japan is often described as a shame culture, and the result of enormous social pressure is that Japanese rarely rob or murder or jaywalk; unfortunately, the same intense pressure sometimes drives them to suicide. The result is little crime but fairly high suicide rates.

Naturally, there is a bit of anxiety about hordes of people coming into town from countries with rather less shame and rather more crime.

Shopkeepers are much too polite to say that they themselves are apprehensive about the foreigners, but they agree that all the other proprietors are concerned about shoplifting.

"We haven't had anything taken, and I'm not worried," said Haruo Shimizu, the owner of a hardware store downtown. "But all the other shop owners

tell us to be very careful." "When a Japanese comes into the shop, we can read his face and know

whether to trust him," Shimizu added. "But we can't read the faces of foreigners," he added. "It's not just the language that gets in the way of communication; it's the faces, too. So it's a little worrying at first when a foreigner

THE one foreign custom that one might think would delight Japanese is tipping, which is virtually unknown in Japan. Indeed, topnoich restaurants sometimes give customers gifts. But many people in Nagano seem quite distressed when for-

eigners try to give them money. "They want to leave tips, so we tell them no, no, no, "said Yoko Fukushima, a sturdy woman who runs a coffee shop near Zenkoji. "This is a Japanesestyle place, and so we cannot accept tips. It's just not done."

Kumiko Takei, owner of a restaurant near the main street, said that at first she was stumped about what to do with tips.

"We give the customer the change, and they say, 'No. it's for you,' "Takei said. "We're so surprised. So we're collecting all the tips from the Olympics, and then at the end we'll give the money to the United Nations."

The challenge for foreigners and Japanese alike is that social mores are sometimes so different that each side ends up a bit shocked by the other.

Shizue Hashimoto, a housewife who is host to a Maine couple in her home during the Olympics, is still amazed at what happened the other day.

"The wife came down from her room to take a bath, and she wore just a bath towel around her body," Hashimoto said. "I almost screamed."

It might seem odd that the Japanese would be startled by a woman wearing a towel while walking through a private house to the bath, but not by a woman running after a man in a bath house and ordering him to remove his underwear.

But in Japan it makes perfect sense: In a bath house, everybody goes naked and the proprietress has free reign, and in a private home one usually takes off one's clothes only in the bathroom beside the bath.

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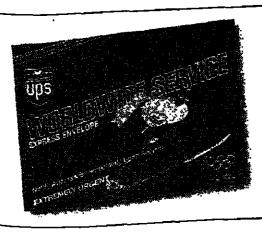
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HOW TO COVER A LONG DISTANCE IN A SHORT TIME.



Consider it done.

By Jennifer Frey

NAGANO, Japan — Her hair is plat-inum bottle-blond, her idol is Sharon Stone and her new, self-selected first name is supposed to express what she calls her "passion."

Pasha Grishuk, the Russian ice dan-

cer, is poised to win a second straight gold medal Monday at White Ring, when she and her partner. Evgeni Platov, skate their free dance in the third and final day of ice dancing competition. Grishuk wants that medal more than anything. Except maybe a boy-

While playing with the silver-stud-ded dog collar she wore as a part of her costume in the original dance on Sunday, Grishuk laid out her idea of a perfect pre-competition morning: She'd like a slew of what she called "cute guys" to line up in the athletes' village at dawn, ready for her inspection.

"I will go down the line and put the cute ones on the right and the other ones on the other side," she said.

Then she paused and added: "But only gold medalists, please." And in case Ilia Kulik — who brought Russia the gold in men's figure

Kulik wins a gold medal. Page 20.

skating on Saturday — is too busy to line up Monday morning, Platov had a suggestion.
"Call 1-800-Pasha," he said.

Grishuk simply smiled her movie star smile and laughed.

"Almost everyone calls me Pasha now," said Grishuk, who instituted the name change in September, and had to hound Platov to remember, "Someone called me Oksana the other day, and I had to correct him.

name change - and pretty much any topic - after Sunday's original dance competition, in which she and Platov skated brilliantly.

The duo are trailed in second place by their fellow Russians Oleg Ovsiannikov and Anjelika Krylova - who just happens to be Grishuk's nemesis of the moment. At the European championships last winter, Krylova and Grishuk were playing an on-ice version of "chicken" skating ever closer to each other, without looking — until Krylova sliced Catasuuk on une attu wiun net skate

As unpopular as she can be with her fellow skaters, though, Grishuk is a favorite of the crowd - and of the

judges.
She and Platov, who plan to turn professional after the Olympics, and their programs are considered to be a class above the rest of the ice dancing

They also happen to be the most controversial.



Grishuk was happy to discuss the Pasha Grishuk and Evgeni Platov showing their ice-dancing moves Sunday at the White Ring arena in Nagano.

In a sport where the rules are better defined by what dancers cannot do, rather than what they can, Grishuk and Platov like to push the envelope. Their lifts are sometimes a little higher than is perhaps allowed. They separate on the ice for more than the five seconds al-

"I think we have done something to take ice dancing to a new level and we are always trying to make it more exind more popular." Citishuk said "That is what we want to be remembered for."

In that same mode, Grishuk promised that Monday night's free program would be innovative and exciting and that she would provide everyone with 'a surprise.'' Grishuk's costume alone is always something that draws serious

In this sport, which actually has a rule that states "the lady must wear a skirt,"

Grishuk showed up for the free program in Lillehammer dressed in a postagestamp sized halter top and a miniskirt slit to the top of her thigh.

On Sunday, she wore a black-and-silver number that included chains and studs and the dog collar. And in the first 10 seconds of their program, Platov leaned over and unzipped the zipper that

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"I want to win a medal and I want to win an Oscar," she said, after taking off a full-length fur coat. "I think I can do

was holding her miniskirt together (the

move is choreographed into their pro-

gram) to give her a long slit. She also

ore purple skates to match her eye-

Wretched Weather Proves Ally for Maier

Delays Give Austrian Skier Time to Recover

By Christopher Clarey
New York Times Service

HAKUBA, Japan - The world will have to wait to see how Hermann Maier handles Olympic adversity. The men's Super G, scheduled for Sunday morning, became the latest casualty of Nagano's mercurial weather patterns.

With seven days remaining in these Games, there are seven alpine races still to be run. What is of more concern is that only two days remain until the alpine racers are scheduled to strike camp and drive three hours to Shiga Kogen for the men's and women's stalom and giant sialom events.

In those two days, the Nagano Organizing Committee intends to run the men's Super G, women's downhill and women's combined event, which is made up of a short downhill and two slalom runs.

That is a very big order for a ski area that has had great difficulty providing quick service in the last week.

"According to the weather center, during February the weather normally changes in three-day cycles: three days good and three days bad," said Ko Yamaguchi, a Nagano Organizing Committee spokesman. "But this year, it's one day good and then one day bad. We have to adjust to this, and it's a very difficult task for us.'

Yamaguchi said there were no plans yet to shift the slalom portion of the women's combined event to Shiga Ko-more day to get their hopes up.

gen. International Ski Federation rules stipulate that the combined slalom, should be run on the same slope as the combined downhill.

"We do not anticipate yet that there will be big schedule changes," said Yamaguchi, who indicated that the forecast for Monday and Tuesday calls for improved, clear conditions. -

It would be interesting to know how
Yamaguchi defines "big." Not one of
the alpine races has been contested on the originally scheduled day. The men's Super G was supposed to be contested Friday, when weather conditions were actually acceptable, but it was postponed to make room for the men's

On Samrday, the men's Super G was postponed again because of driving rain, and Sunday, after approximately four inches of fresh snow, it was postponed a third time because of poor vis-

ibility at the top.

About the only star racer who might have reason to rejoice over the delay is Maier, the Austrian overall World Cup leader, who crashed spectacularly in the downhill, spraining his left knee and bruising his sternum. On Saturday, he underwent a magnetic resonance imagining scan on his knee in a local hospital but was scheduled to start eighth today. Now, he has at least one more day to heal, and his fans who were waving a huge banner with a picture of a pig'(a good luck symbol in Austria) have one

U.S. Men and Women **Prepare for Canadians**

NAGANO, Japan - The U.S. and Canadian men's ice hockey teams took Sunday off ahead of their much-hyped matchup Monday in the second round of the competition. It is the first of two grudge games between the two countries. Canada and the United Sates meet in the women's ice hockey final Tues-

The American women beat Canada, 7-4, on Saturday in a round-robin game that

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was rough and ill-tempered even though both teams had qualified for the final.

The decision of the Canadian men's teant to rest Sunday was not a surprise, since Canada (2-0) looked efficient and cohesive in its first two round-robin games, against Belarus and Sweden. The United States (1-1), on the other hand, struggled in both of its games. On Saturday, after the U.S. team beat Belarus,. 5-2, Ron Wilson, the coach lamented the

team's lack of practice time. The round-robin portion of the men's hockey will determine the tournament seedings of the eight qualified teams.

After arriving in Japan six days ago, players from several countries have noted the effects of jet lag, though that may not be the only reason for fatigue. Chris Chelios, the U.S. captain, and Brett Hull, a star winger, were seen drinking at a local bar until almost 5 A.M. Sunday.

In the last match of the women's round-robin, Canada and the United Staes were tied at 1-1 at the start of the third period. Canada then took a 4-1 lead, but the United States scored six un answered goals in the last 10 minutes. The two teams had 36 minutes of penalties, and the game ended with a scuffle. Shannon Miller, the Canadian coach, said the ruckus started when an American player made a disparaging comment to the Canadian forward Danielle Goyette about her father, who died of Alzheimer's disease just before the Olympics. Goyette started crying, Miller said.

'Our players would never say any thing like that," said Cammi Granato, the U.S. captain. Goyette French, we speak English, so I don't know if there was a misinterpreta-(WP, NYT)





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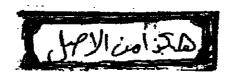
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